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OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT PORTSMOUTH, AUGUST, 1861.

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled in the North Congregational Church in Portsmouth, on Tuesday, August 27, 1861, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Joseph B. Hill, of Stewartstown, from Isaiah 21 : 11.

After sermon the preacher took the chair. The credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Almon Benson.
Derry—Uzal W. Condit, E. J. Hart.
Manchester—
Harmony—Samuel H. Riddel.
Hollis—T. P. Sawin.
Hopkinton—Ambrose Smith, Nathaniel Bouton, D. D.
Lancaster—Joseph B. Hill.
Monadnock—Moses H. Wells, Zedekiah S. Barstow, D. D., John P. Humphrey.
Orange—John D. Emerson.
Piscataqua—J. H. Stearns, John H. Mellish, O. T. Lanphear.
Sullivan—Rufus Case.
Suncook—Joshua S. Gay, Henry C. Fay.
Union—Charles Cutler, E. C. Cogswell.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. S. W. Buffum, Dea. C. P. Lock.
Coös—
Hillsborough—Dea. Nahum Baldwin.
Merrimack—Benjamin Emerson, Esq.
Rockingham—Dea. Thomas J. Melvin, Dea. Benjamin Coe, Bro. Rufus Leavitt, Bro. Dudley F. Tucker.

Strafford—Hon. George M. Herring, Bro. Levi Smith, Bro. J. P. Kimball.

Sullivan—Dea. G. Griffin, Bro. S. Burbank.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Maine—Rev. Charles Tenney.

Massachusetts—Rev. J. T. Tucker.

Connecticut—Rev. Martin Dudley.

Rhode-Island—Rev. Lyman Whiting.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, N. S.—Rev. Horace Eaton.

Ohio—Rev. E. W. Root.

California—Rev. W. H. Patten.

Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting of New-Hampshire—Rev. Joseph Fullonton, D. D.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. J. H. McCarty.

EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. John K. Young, D. D., Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Rev. William L. Gage.

The Association was organized by the election of Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, Moderator; Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Scribe, and Rev. Henry C. Fay, Assistant Scribe.

The Moderator opened the sessions of the Association with prayer.

Voted, That the Moderator appoint a committee to nominate the committees to be appointed during the sessions.

Rev. J. S. Gay, Rev. U. W. Condit and Hon. George M. Herring were appointed.

Rev. T. P. Sawin, Rev. J. P. Humphrey and Dea. Daniel Knight were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, Rev. M. H. Wells and Bro. D. F. Tucker were appointed a Committee of Nominations.

Adjourned till ¼ of 2 o'clock P. M.

1¾ *P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

Voted, That the subject of the disposition of the Whitefield Monument Fund be referred to a special committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported the names of Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. J. G. Davis and Hon. G. M. Herring, to whom this subject was committed.

After prayer by Dr. Bouton,

Voted, That all ministers and laymen present, not connected with this Association as now organized, be invited to participate in the discussions of this afternoon.

Rev. R. F. Lawrence read a report on the state of religion, prepared by a committee from the reports of the County Conferences.

Delegates from the District Associations, in order, made statements concerning the state of religion within their respective bounds. These statements were interspersed with singing and prayer.

The Delegates from the General Conference of Maine, the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S., and the General Conference of California, respectively presented the Christian salutations of these bodies.

Voted, That Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. J. W. Ray, Dea. Nahum Baldwin, Rev. R. F. Lawrence and Hon. G. M. Herring constitute a committee to draft resolutions on the state of the country.

The following question was proposed for discussion at the public meeting this evening:

How can the present exigency of our country be turned to the highest spiritual good of our churches?

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION VII OF THE RULES.

Rev. C. W. Wallace and Rev. J. W. Ray to be Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.

Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., and Dea. Asa Duren to be Committee of Inquiry.

Dr. Bouton submitted the annual report on the Widows' Fund, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

A letter was read by the Secretary of the Association from the General Association of Minnesota.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

A public meeting was held in the evening, when the question previously designated was discussed. Rev. Mr. Lawrence presided, and opened the service with prayer and reading the 3d chapter of Malachi. Rev. Messrs. R. F. Lawrence, Z. S. Barstow, D. D., C. W. Wallace, W. T. Savage, O. T. Lanphear, H. Eaton, J. T. McCollum and J. G. Davis spoke upon the question, and Rev. Messrs. J. W. Ray and H. C. Fay led in prayer.

Wednesday Morning. Met according to adjournment at 8½ o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Stearns.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. William R. Jewett; whereupon,

Voted, That the Pastoral Letter now read be adopted and printed with the Minutes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

The following amendments having been proposed, it was

Voted, That section 2 be amended by substituting "seven" for "thirteen" in the last sentence; that article 1, of section 5, be amended by adding the words, "He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body." Also, that article 2, of section 7, be amended by inserting after the word "to," in the second line, the words, "designate an auditor and."

WHITEFIELD FUND.

The Committee on the Whitefield Memorial Fund submitted the following report, which was adopted without dissent:

THE WHITEFIELD MONUMENT. The Committee on the Whitefield Monument made a report by their chairman, Dr. Bouton, which was adopted, and is as follows:

It will be recollected that, at the meeting of the General Association in Exeter, August, 1856, a resolution was adopted

recommending that a subscription be taken up by this Association, which, with subscriptions raised by the people of Exeter, might produce a sum sufficient to erect a monument to the memory of the Rev. George Whitefield, who preached his last sermon in the town of Exeter, September 29, 1770. For carrying the resolution into effect, a committee was appointed consisting of the Rev. Lyman Whiting, Rev. N. Bouton and Asa Mann, on the part of the Association, and of Hon. Amos Tuck, Joseph G. Hoyt, William Perry and William Odlin, in behalf of the citizens of Exeter.

The expense of the monument, as first contemplated, was to be between two and three hundred dollars, but subsequently it was proposed by some of the Committee to erect a more costly one—of eight hundred or one thousand dollars.

In pursuance of the resolution above adopted, some members of the General Association subscribed and procured subscriptions from others, amounting in all to about seventy-two dollars ($72). Of that sum three dollars were paid out for printing circulars relative to the object, and in October 14, 1858, sixty-nine dollars ($69) were deposited by the Committee in the Exeter Savings Bank. This is the whole amount that has been raised toward the contemplated object; a sum, it will be seen, entirely inadequate for the accomplishment of it; and we therefore recommend that the further prosecution of it be relinquished. In relation to the sum deposited in the Exeter Savings Bank, your Committee are in favor of making a final disposition of it, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution: to wit,

Whereas, The erection of a monument in Exeter, in memory of Rev. George Whitefield, agreeably to a plan proposed at the General Association in August, 1856, appears to be impracticable, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the subscribers of the amount paid in for the proposed object, and now on deposit in the Exeter Savings Bank, be at liberty to withdraw the sums severally, so paid by them, from said bank, provided they give notice of their intention to do so, on or before the first day of December next.

2. *Resolved*, That the amount contributed for said object, which may remain in Exeter Savings Bank, on the first day of January, under the name of the Whitefield Memorial Fund, be held for and added to the Widows' Charitable Fund; and that five per cent of the sum annually accruing therefrom be expended by the Trustees of said Fund, for the aid of indigent widows and orphans of deceased ministers, agreeably to the constitution under which they act.

3. *Resolved*, That notice of the intention to withdraw the money paid in be made by the subscribers to the Treasurer, Shadrach Seavey, Esq., of Concord, or to his successor in office, and that these resolutions be published, for the information of all concerned, in the Congregational Journal, in the Exeter News-Letter, and in the minutes of this body.

Resolved, That, in order to avoid confusion, the General Association recommend to the District Associations to employ letters of dismission and recommendation in regular form, whenever members transfer their relation from one Association to another.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, submitted his report, which was accepted.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised by assessments on the Conferences, to defray the expenses of this body, according to section 11 of the Constitution and Rules.

Voted, That six hundred copies of the Minutes of this meeting be published by the Committee of Publication.

The Secretary read letters from the General Association of Iowa, and the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. E. W. Root, Delegate from the General Conference of Ohio, addressed the Association.

Rev. Thomas W. Duncan, Delegate to the General Association of Connecticut, reported his attendance at the meeting of that body in Bridgeport.

Rev. Martin Dudley, representing the General Association of Connecticut, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

Dr. Bouton, from the Committee to draft resolutions on the state of the country, submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, By the ministers and delegates of the churches composing the General Association of New-Hampshire, that we cherish an ardent attachment to the principles of civil and religious freedom on which our national government is based; we deplore and detest the spirit of rebellion and treason, whether openly manifested or secretly cherished, in any portion of our country; and we deem it our Christian duty to exert all the influence which God has given us, in maintaining our Constitution and Union in opposition to all efforts, in whatever quarter made, to overthrow them.

2. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the proclamation made by the President of the United States, appointing the 26th of September next, as a day for National Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, and that we recommend to all the ministers and churches of our connection, not only to

observe that day, but to offer unceasing supplications to God for our National Rulers; for the officers of our Army and Navy; for our soldiers; for the speedy triumph of our righteous cause, the restoration of loyalty, peace, union and prosperity to every part of our beloved country.

3. *Resolved*, That as we recognize the Sabbath as an institution of God, we deplore the desecration of that day in every manner; and we earnestly hope that all our rulers, military officers and soldiers will maintain, so far as possible, the sanctity of the Sabbath, that neither in camp nor field, nor in marches, nor in the transportation of troops, nor in navy yards, will any thing be required which is not absolutely necessary; and that opportunity may then be given to the soldiers to attend religious services.

4. *Resolved*, That we highly commend the efforts of benevolent individuals and societies, for the distribution of the word of God, tracts and religious books among our soldiers; and we rejoice in official measures for the suppression of intemperance, and for the promotion of good order and discipline in the Army.

5. *Resolved*, That we approve of Soldiers' Aid Societies, formed by the ladies of New-Hampshire, and we commend them for the "aid and comfort" given to the brave volunteers who are enlisted in defense of our country.

6. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the patriotic devotion of our worthy brother, the Rev. Henry E. Parker, of Concord, as Chaplain of the Second Regiment of New-Hampshire Volunteers, and that we pledge him our sympathy and prayers during his absence from his family and the people of his charge.

Rev. J. T. Tucker, from the General Association of Massachusetts, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, District Secretary of the American Tract Society at New-York, and Rev. J. W. Alvord, Secretary of the American Tract Society at Boston, presented the claims of these respective societies.

Rev. S. B. Treat, Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, spoke in behalf of that cause.

Captain Andrew Bartlett, from Boston, spoke in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

At 11 o'clock the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Society was celebrated with interesting and appropriate services, as follows: Singing by the Sabbath school pupils in attendance, led by Mr. Kimball; prayer by Rev. Dr. Putnam, of Middleborough, Mass.; singing; report by the Secretary, Rev. Jacob Cummings; singing; address by Rev. Pliny B. Day, of Hollis, on Sabbath school literature; singing; address by Mr. K. A. Burnell, Agent of Massachusetts Sabbath School Society for the North-west; address by Captain Bartlett; singing; benediction by Dr. Barstow.

After these services Rev. J. Fullonton presented the Chris-

tian salutations of the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting of New-Hampshire.

The Secretary of the Association, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., tendered the resignation of his office, which he has held since 1851. His resignation was reluctantly accepted.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to Rev. Dr. Young, for his prompt, faithful and acceptable services, as its Secretary, for the past ten years.

Rev. J. Cummings, having expressed his intention to decline a reëlection as Secretary of the Association for Sabbath schools, was unanimously requested to continue in office. Whereupon Mr. Cummings consented to serve another year.

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. Archibald Burpee, conveying the salutations of the Congregational Union of Canada West.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted, To give place to the New-Hampshire Bible Society, which now celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

The President, Edward Spalding, M. D., took the chair, and briefly addressed the Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Putnam, of Massachusetts.

Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., President of Dartmouth College, preached a sermon from Revelation 22 : 8, 18, 19. Subject—"The Peculiar Probation in which we are placed by the word of God."

The Treasurer, Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., and the Secretary, Rev. Isaac Willey, respectively submitted their annual reports, which were adopted, and ordered to be published by the Directors.

The Society then adjourned, to meet at the Vestry in the evening to elect its officers, and transact other business.

The New-Hampshire Branch of the American Education Society then held its annual meeting.

The President, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., took the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lyman Whiting, of Providence, R. I.

The Treasurer, Dea. James Moulton, presented his report, which was accepted.

The Secretary, Prof. S. G. Brown, not being able to attend, the report of the Directors was read by the President. The report was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Congregational Journal.

The officers were then elected, and the Society adjourned.

The Association resumed its session, and adjourned to 7½ o'clock.

Wednesday Evening, 7½ o'clock. The services were opened by singing the 85th psalm, L. M., and prayer by Rev. Mr. Condit.

The following question was taken up and discussed:

"Is the prevailing method of employing stated supplies instead of pastors compatible with the highest prosperity of our churches?"

Rev. U. W. Condit, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Rev. S. H. Riddel, Rev. W. Clark, Rev. L. S. Parker, Rev. L. Marshall, Rev. J. W. Ray, Rev. O. T. Lanphear, Rev. Dr. Barstow, Rev. Dr. Putnam, Rev. T. W. Duncan and Dea. J. A. Lane spoke upon the subject.

After prayer by Dr. Stone, singing and the benediction, the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock in the morning.

Thursday Morning. Met according to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read.

On motion of the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements,

Voted, That this Association deeply sympathize with the pastor of this church in his present affliction, and that, on account of his illness, the officers of the church be requested to present the thanks of this body to the people of Portsmouth for their kind and generous hospitality, and to the choir for their valuable services.

On a report from the Committee on Nominations, the following appointments were made:

Committee to certify the regular standing of Ministers—Rev. Drs. N. Bouton, A. W. Burnham, J. K. Young, N. Lord, Z. S. Barstow, Austin Richards, Rev. Messrs. Thomas Savage, John

P. Humphrey, R. F. Lawrence, A. Tobey, A. Bodwell, John Wood.

Auditor—Rev. William Clark.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, at Portland, June 24, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. William Clark.

To the General Convention of Vermont, at Norwich, June 17, 1862:

Primary, Rev. James Boutwell.
Substitute, Rev. O. T. Lanphear.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, at New-Bedford, June 24, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Uzal W. Condit.
Substitute, Rev. Jacob Hood.

To the General Association of Connecticut, at Norwalk, June 17, 1862:

Primary, Rev. John H. Mellish.
Substitute, Rev. Hugh McLeod.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, at Providence, June 10, 1862:

Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker.
Substitute, Rev. Corban Curtice.

To the General Association of New-York, at Binghampton, October 8, 1861:

Primary, Rev. Austin Richards, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. Charles J. Hill.

To the Congregational Conference of Ohio, at Mount-Vernon, June 12, 1862:

Primary, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, at Milwaukie, Sept. 25, 1861:

Primary, Rev. William T. Savage.
Substitute, Rev. Isaac Willey.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Grand Rapids, May 18, 1862:

Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace.
Substitute, Rev. E. N. Hidden.

To the General Association of Iowa, at Lyons, June 4, 1862;

Primary, Rev. Jacob Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. Elias Nason.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) at Cincinnati, Ohio, May 15, 1862:

Primary, Rev. J. H. Stearns.
Substitute, Rev. George W. Sargent.

To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, at ——, June 13, 1862:

Primary, Rev. J. Ordway.
Substitute, Rev. Charles Burnham.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, at Sanbornton Bridge, April 9, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Benjamin P. Stone, D. D.
Substitute, Rev. E. O. Jameson.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, at Lake Village, October 16, 1861:

Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.
Substitute, Rev. M. H. Wells.

To the Congregational Union of Canada, at Hamilton, C. W., June 11, 1862:

Primary, Rev. H. Cummings.
Substitute, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas, at Waubaunsee, May 22, 1862:

Primary, Rev. William R. Jewett.
Substitute, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

To the General Association of Oregon, at ——, September 4, 1862:

Primary, Rev. Bezaleel Smith.
Substitute, Rev. Charles Cutler.

To the Congregational Association of California, at ——,

Primary, Rev. Jacob Scales.
Substitute, Rev. E. T. Rowe.

To the General Conference of Minnesota, at Anoka, October 10, 1861, 7 o'clock P. M.:

Primary, Rev. John Colby.
Substitute, Rev. James Holmes.

PLACE OF MEETING NEXT YEAR.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held with the South Church in Concord. Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by Manchester Association.

Rev. Israel Putnam, D. D., and Rev. Lyman Whiting, both formerly pastors of this church, were designated to officiate at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this afternoon.

Rev. Prof. D. J. Noyes, D. D., was elected preacher of the sermon before the sacrament for next year, and Rev. Elias Richardson as his substitute.

Rev. J. G. Davis was elected Secretary of the General Association, in place of Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., resigned.

Rev. Mr. Davis was also reëlected Statistical Secretary.

Voted, To adjourn till after public services.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the New-Hampshire Missionary Society celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

Rev. Jacob Cummings presided. Prayer was offered by Dr. Bouton. The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., presented his report, which was accepted. The report of the Trustees was presented by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark. The report was accepted. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Burnham, addresses were made by Rev. Alvan Tobey, Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, Rev. Dr. Putnam, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

After singing,

"My country, 't is of thee,"

the meeting was concluded with prayer and the benediction.

The Association resumed business.

On motion,

Voted, That thanks be given to the managers of the following railroad corporations, for their favor in granting free return tickets to the members of this body: viz., Concord, and Concord and Portsmouth; Northern; Boston, Concord and Montreal; Cochecho; Great-Falls and Conway.

Voted, That thanks be tendered to Horace Webster, Esq., for his efficient efforts in making provision for our entertainment, and in securing for us a free return on the railroads from this meeting.

Adjourned till after public service this afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association united with the church in Portsmouth and other Christians in attendance, in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, from James 1 : 2. Rev. Dr. Putnam and Rev. Lyman Whiting officiated at the table.

After these services the Minutes were read and approved, when the Association adjourned *sine die*.

THOMAS J. MELVIN, *Moderator*.

SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, *Scribe*.
HENRY C. FAY, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

During the past year two ministers of our denomination have died: Rev. Broughton White, of Acworth, in the eighty-eighth year of his age, and Rev. John Woods, aged 76. Mr. White was thirteen years pastor of the church in Washington, Sullivan county. His labors, both there and in other places, were crowned with the divine blessing. Mr. Woods preached ten years in Warner, and twenty-seven in Newport, N. H., and in both places many souls were the fruits of his faithful presentation of the great truths of God's word. His last labors were at Fitzwilliam, his native town. Rev. Jonathan Curtis, long known among us as a zealous and faithful pastor, has also deceased. He was not, however, at the time of his death, a resident of this State. Moreover, many members of our churches, both male and female, have likewise passed away; thus reminding pastors and people that the day of labor and duty must soon give place to the night, wherein no man can work.

Early in the season your Committee, by a notice inserted in the Congregational Journal, reminded pastors and churches of the new arrangement of the last General Association, by which pastors and County Conferences were requested to forward their reports, by the 1st of July, to the Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion. This request met with a very limited response, and hence the narrative of the present condition of our churches must be very general in its statements, and very meager in statistics.

In the report of the churches in Hillsborough County Conference, some things seem worthy of special notice. The Sabbath school work has been prosecuted with new interest. Some schools have extended their borders by organizing mission schools, which promise to be a means of great good to the more destitute classes in our larger towns. Twenty-six conversions are reported and thirty-one additions from the Sabbath schools to the churches. A spirit of harmony has also been increasingly manifested. The two churches in New-Ipswich have become united, and are now a strong body. And notwithstanding the depression of the times, the benevolent contributions are several hundred dollars more than they were last year.

The Sullivan County Conference reports an interesting work of grace at Kimball Union Academy last spring. Daily prayer-meetings were kept up for a long time, and a very deep interest was felt in the subject of religion by a large number of the students; a good number of whom, we doubt not, will appear, in the final day, the true disciples of the Lord

Jesus. In Claremont the town appointed a committee to act with the selectmen in enforcing the "Law for the Suppression of Intemperance."

We have much occasion of devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, for the general prosperity and peace which prevail among us; for the sound and healthful state of religious doctrine and sentiment; and for the evident tokens of the Spirit's influences by which some of our churches have been blessed, and some precious souls hopefully converted. In Conway, Milton and Keene there has been a good degree of religious interest, especially among the youth.

We record with special gratitude, notwithstanding the calamitous condition of the nation, that there has been no marked decrease in the interest or aid felt and given to the various benevolent enterprises of the age. Foreign and domestic missions; Sabbath schools and temperance, education and tract distribution; the cause of seamen and the condition of the slave, have all been remembered in the prayers and contributions of the friends of Christ.

From other bodies in correspondence with us, we learn that a similar state of things exists. Revivals of a precious character have been enjoyed in a few places, but no wide-spread religious awakening has pervaded the whole land.

The political condition of the nation has been such as to excite the deepest feelings of all loyal and patriotic hearts, and it is matter of devout and grateful praise to God, in these times of trouble and danger, when treason has been rife in high places and in low places, that all the religious bodies in all the loyal States have nobly responded to the call of the country, and without an exception, and, almost with entire unanimity, have passed resolutions fully sustaining and indorsing the measures of government to uphold and maintain, in their integrity and vigor, the Constitution and laws of the land. This General Association will doubtless be found a unit on the side of liberty and law; ready to aid, by prayer and other suitable efforts, the cause of constitutional freedom, now put in jeopardy by those on whom our government has conferred the largest favors and the highest honors. But while we regard the cause of the government as eminently just, we would feel that, unless God's blessing attends the efforts to suppress this most wicked and unnatural rebellion, all wisdom is folly, all strength weakness; and that the greater our means, and the mightier our forces, the more signal will be our defeat, and the more complete our ruin. "Some trust in chariots and some in horsemen, but our trust is in the Lord of Hosts, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

Brethren, a great calamity has befallen our beloved country, through the deep shadow of which we are now passing; while, therefore, "his judgments are abroad in the earth, may the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness."

In behalf of the Committee,

AMOS BLANCHARD.

PASTORAL LETTER.

THE General Association of New-Hampshire, in accordance with their usage, present Christian salutations to the churches with which it is connected.

BELOVED BRETHREN—

In addressing you at the present time, we could hardly perform a better service than to call your attention to the valuable Christian counsels which have been given by our brethren in former years. Those addresses have embraced a great variety of subjects, which all will acknowledge should be studied and contemplated.

In selecting topics on which to address you at the present time, we have endeavored to look at the actual condition of our churches and congregations. There are duties which can not fail to arrest the attention of the thoughtful, and impress them with the need of their being discharged.

To some of these we shall now allude, as the ground of our present suggestions:

I. Be engaged to make progress both in the Christian life, and in a knowledge of revealed truth. The Christian life is one of advance. It is a growth from the feebleness of infancy at the new birth "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." We are forbidden to be stationary, but are directed "to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work." All the similes employed in the sacred volume, referring to the Christian life, imply progress. It is likened to the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day; to the growing grain—first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. To this end seek to advance in a knowledge of divine truth. The sincere milk of the word is that whereby we may grow. It is food to the soul, nourishing and healthful. Without it our piety will be sickly and puny. We may fairly conclude, from intimations and directions in the Epistles, that Christians in those days were expected to be thoroughly acquainted with the system of truth which they had embraced. We find the Apostle Paul complaining of some who had been for a considerable time professors of religion, on account of the slow progress which they had made in a knowledge of revealed truth. "For when for the time ye ought to have been teachers, ye have need that one teach you which be the first principles of the oracles of God, and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." We do not claim that every member of our churches is to be a thorough theologian, but it is desirable and practicable that every one should understand the essential parts of his belief, together with the arguments by which they are supported. Therefore, let there be more study of the great truths of

the Bible. As well might we conceive of a superstructure without a foundation, as of religion without a measure of doctrinal knowledge.

II. Generously sustain the cause of Christian benevolence. Our blessed Lord exercised the most costly self-denial, that his Father might be glorified, and the salvation of men secured. His ruling passion was the joy of doing the will of God. Now it is a dangerous mistake in multitudes connected with the visible church, that they may be devoted to their ease, enjoyment, worldly advancement; forgetting that if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. That spirit is manifested by a readiness to endure toil and sacrifice for the eternal salvation of others. "Our religion is exactly in proportion as we are borne away by the love of God and his creatures from self, and stand ready, from that heavenly principle, to sacrifice personal ease, comfort and prosperity to advance the kingdom of righteousness." Therefore, we entreat you to prove the reality of your religion by your ready and hearty beneficence. Regard yourselves simply as stewards. Be ready for every call that the Lord's service may make. We read that, on the day of pentecost, the multitudes of them who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither said any of aught of the things which he possessed was his own. The professed disciples of Christ should never lose sight of the truth that they are his, and that their property is his. Whatever is in their hands is to be used to promote the interests of their Master and Lord. It is a mournful spectacle, one that gives occasion both for sorrow and shame, when those within the visible church are behind those without in a readiness to contribute of their substance to relieve the distressed, to raise the degraded and to advance the interests of the kingdom of Christ.

III. Support the proper observance of Christian discipline. The members of a church are associated in a solemn covenant. This covenant has the binding force of an oath. By it the members agree to walk together in all the ordinances of the gospel, to watch over each other in the spirit of love, and faithfully to admonish, help and reclaim each other, according to the laws of Christ. The imperfect sanctification of Christians, the fact that they have remaining corruptions, that their affections are not all heavenly, nor are they always crucified to the world, or watchful against sin, prepares the way at times for them to fall into offenses, thus giving occasion of reproach to the world. Now it should be the aim of a church to have no occasion for the exercise of discipline. The members should all seek to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, to have such a measure of grace as to be qualified for usefulness, and not inclined to yield to temptation. Farther, linked together as they are in a sacred brotherhood, under the most sacred obligations to do all in their power to contribute for the advancement of each other in holiness of heart and life, they are to consider one another to provoke to love and good works, exhorting one another daily, looking diligently, lest any fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness spring up to trouble, and thereby many be defiled;

lest there be any fornicator or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of bread sold his birthright.

It is not common for a Christian to fall at once into grievous sin. His career of declension commences in the commission of what are regarded as little sins. The stream may flow under the ground, far from the fountain, before it comes up to the surface. It should be our aim to prevent the necessity of church discipline, by kind and faithful admonition and watchfulness. In this way we should preserve the cause of Christ from a vast amount of reproach, and the church from the discharge of a painful duty. And in this respect are not the great body of Christians criminally faulty? But when the exercise of discipline is demanded, it should be performed. Such a step is due to the church at large. While an incorrigible offender remains connected with the body, he is a grief at heart, a stumbling and vexation. The church can no more stand before their enemies, than could the host of Israel when they had an Achan in their camp.

IV. Let the influence of a deep, practical piety be manifest in your daily life. The children of God are declared to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. We have a right to look to them for the highest tone of morality, and the most conscientious regard to all the commandments of God. If grace has been lodged in the heart, its purifying influence is to be manifest in the outward life. The pretended piety that does not thus manifest itself, is at once to be suspected and rejected. Our Savior has so taught in those solemn words: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

We can not examine the sacred writers without observing the stress which they lay on practical religion, as indispensable both as an evidence that we have been born of the Spirit, and as a means of honoring the name by which we are called. Our Savior commences his sermon on the Mount, by enforcing the practice of the Christian virtues, pronouncing a blessing on the poor in spirit, the meek, those who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, the merciful and the peacemakers. We find the great Apostle, in one epistle, affirming that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; in another, enforcing the practice of whatever things are honest, just, lovely, pure and of good report; and in another, that they who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

Unless there is a happy correspondence between the temper of our minds and the religion which we have professed, our prayers and exhortations will avail little for the conversion and spiritual good of the impenitent. They must see us carrying that religion into the practice of our

lives, manifesting its moral excellence, constraining them to contrast the blessed fruits of the Spirit with the polluted, hateful lusts of the flesh. If we manifest the spirit of Christ, if we live so much in communion with him that our very raiment savors of heaven, others will take knowledge that we have been with him; if we are living epistles, known and read of all, adorning the doctrine of God our Savior, they will be led to glorify him.

Lastly, value and cherish the distinctive principles of our ecclesiastical system. We would by no means recommend a spirit of proselytism, or of encroachment upon our brethren of other evangelical denominations. We have no desire to tear down their spiritual temples for the purpose of constructing one of our own. Our reliance for prosperity is not placed on denominational prejudice or worldly policy, but rather on the spirituality and zeal of our members, the energy and faithfulness of our pastors, accompanied by the influences of the Holy Spirit.

But is it not a defect among us, that there is such a lack of the *esprit de corps?* It is even regarded as magnanimous to sacrifice our denominational preferences. We cherish the memory of our fathers, and yet hold that the distinctive principles which they taught us, and for which they were ready to sacrifice all things, require us to be indifferent to their growth and prosperity. The genius of our polity is invoked to show that we should have this indifference. It is claimed that our system is the opposite of sectarian. We are to manifest no more zeal to extend our own opinions than those of others. Our zeal is to be of a peculiar kind. It is not for the propagation of our own opinions, but of any opinions, if they are in a measure evangelical.

But consistency requires us to act in accordance with our convictions. There is an immense difference between a blind, narrow, bitter sectarianism, that can see no good in other communions, and a rational preference of our own. Consistency must condemn us for lauding the principles of our fathers, and the priding ourselves in our want of zeal to extend and support them.

We believe that the principles of our denominations (for in our body Congregationalists and Presbyterians are united) are in more perfect agreement with the Scriptures than those of any other; that they are better adapted to secure brotherly love, to promote intelligence among the members, to give birth to a spirit of activity and zeal, to encourage free inquiry in the investigation of truth, and to furnish a safeguard against oppression. We look upon its results, as seen in the character and institutions of New-England, with exultant and grateful feelings. Therefore, while ready to coöperate with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in every labor of love to advance the interests of his kingdom, let us not cherish indifference to the principles of our Puritan fathers. Rather, let us teach them to our children, as scriptural, precious, inseparably connected with the spiritual elevation and happiness of men.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1860.			*Cr.*	
Nov.	From Hopkinton, Orange, Manchester and Union Associations, arrears of taxes for 1859,		$20.00	
Nov.	For Minutes sold and donations,		1.34	
1861.				
July 16.	From Hollis Association, tax of 1860,		6.00	
July 19.	From Piscataqua Association, tax of 1860,		10.00	
Aug. 27.	Conference assessments, (Grafton excepted)		71.00	
Aug. 27.	From Monadnock Association, tax of 1860,		7.00	
Aug. 27.	From Lancaster	" "	1.50	
Aug. 27.	From Belknap	" "	5.75	
Aug. 27.	From Harmony	" "	3.00	
Aug. 29.	Suncook	" "	2.50	
Aug. 29.	Orange	" "	4.00	
Aug. 29.	Sullivan	" "	6.50	
				$138.59
1860.			*Dr.*	
Sept. 17.	By balance due from last year's account,		$17.75	
Nov. 14.	By freight and expense of distributing Minutes,		6.98	
1861.				
Aug. 18.	By McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing 600 copies Minutes,		80.00	
Aug. 29.	By McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing blanks,		6.00	
Sept. 12.	By Secretary and Treasurer, postage, stationery, &c.,		4.89	
Sept. 12.	By balance in the treasury,		22.97	
				$138.59

Taxes are now due, for 1860, from Hopkinton, Union, Derry and Manchester Associations. The proportion of the assessment, made at Portsmouth, required from each County Conference, for the expenses of 1862, will be found in the table containing the statistics of the several Conferences.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast and well vouched, leaving in the hands of the Treasurer $22.97.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, September 12, 1861.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, Wednesday, June 5, 1861.

Present—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. L. Goodrich, Hon. Francis N. Fisk, Deac. Asa McFarland and James Moulton, Jr.

Elected Shadrach Seavey, Esq., a Trustee in place of Rev. John Woods, deceased.

Elected Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., President.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Esq., Treasurer.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Auditor.
" Rev. N. BOUTON, D. D., JAMES MOULTON, Jr., SHADRACH SEAVEY, } Executive Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Board of Trustees be presented to Hon. Francis N. Fisk, for his long-continued, faithful and very acceptable services as Treasurer of the Board.

Voted, To adjourn.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton, June 7, 1861,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each be paid to the following persons from the Funds of the Trustees:

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. Mary Pillsbury; Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, August 21, 1861, it was voted to appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars, for the use and benefit of Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, widow of the late Rev. Stephen Merrill, of North Wolfborough.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness.

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary

shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a Scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead

VII. Committees. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be

appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor and make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations, which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses,

respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate, and to bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to

the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers. *			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,.....	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Campton,.....	1774	J. B. Hadley.....	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	37	65	102	20	1	4	5	3	0	0	3	1	3	125
Center-Harbor,.....	May 10, 1838	Almon Benson.....	Dec. 20, 1840	Dec. 20, 1840	20	35	55	14	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	8	50
Danbury,.....	1800	Andrew Rankin*..	June, 1822	Dec. 18, 1860	32	47	79	7	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	90
Gilmanton Center,.	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake.....	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	48	69	117	27	4	2	6	3	1	0	4	2	0	73
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant.....	May 29, 1833	S. S.	12	16	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Hebron, }	1779				11	29	40	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	120
Laconia,.....	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 1, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	49	121	170	33	0	0	0	1	2	2	5	0	6	170
Meredith,.....	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham..	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	17	42	59	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100
Plymouth,.....	1765	W. R Jewett.....	Jan. 18, 1837	June 25, 1845	36	103	139	32	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	165
Sanbornton,.....	1771	J. Boutwell.....	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	45	87	132	16	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	5	135
Sandwich,.....	Aug., 1814	R. Parkinson.....	Oct. 14, 1848	S. S.	12	29	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Thornton,.....	1780	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	8	15	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 2.	Pastors, 8.	S. S., 2.	329	655	984	82	13	10	23	16	8	2	26	5	24	1,212

* Member of Merrimack Association.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained November 13, 1806; John Clark, Plymouth, ordained 1835.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page	Sept., 1835	S. S.	27	63	90	18	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	112
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	25	42	67	8	1	2	3	5	0	0	5	0	3	150
Bedford,	1750	Thomas Savage	1822	1826	50	75	125	6	2	2	4	5	2	0	7	0	6	150
Candia,	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	92	140	232	27	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	2	175
Chester,	Oct. 21, 1731	H. O. Howland	Dec., 1846	Aug. 12, 1857	58	130	188	30	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	3	7	180
Deerfield,	1766	U. W. Condit	1850	1855	46	74	120	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.	1749 and 1809	Leonard S. Parker.	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	70	130	200	50	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	175
Derry Village,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	28	99	127	11	1	4	5	1	0	8	9	1	2	100
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Pastor elect.	.....	43	73	116	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	137
Goffstown,	1801	J. W. Ray	Jan., 1858	S. S., 1857	29	73	102	63	1	3	4	4	2	0	6	1	7	230
Hampstead,	1752	Theodore C. Pratt.	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	20	62	82	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	150
Hooksett,	1828	M. Leffingwell	July 7, 1844	S. S. July, 1860	11	30	41	17	3	6	9	0	2	1	3	3	0	40
Hudson,	1841	.....	Licentiate.	S. S., 1860	11	37	48	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Litchfield, Pres.	Reorg. 1844	E. Newhall	Jan., 1824	Sept., 1854	5	15	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	66	124	190	30	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	6	240
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	109	287	396	87	7	10	17	6	8	1	15	4	0	550
Franklin St. Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	53	183	236	78	11	13	24	2	3	0	5	9	3	375
Presbyterian Ch.	Nov. 9, 1859	George A. Bowman	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S., 1859	7	15	22	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	60
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	11	31	42	20	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0
Merrimack,	Sept. 5, 1771	E. J. Hart	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	56	103	159	25	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	7	133
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1851	A. Berry	.....	Pastor elect.	23	61	84	8	6	0	6	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Burrows	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	23	61	84	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	80
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	John Lawrence	Aug. 3, 1848	S. S., 1859	19	49	68	7	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	120
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	41	98	139	11	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	200
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 14. S. S., 6.			923	2,058	2,978	556	45	48	93	48	31	10	89	26	50	3,692

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained February 7, 1816; Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

LICENTIATE. Henry L. Boltwood, Derry.

HARRISON O. HOWLAND, Chester, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	E. D. Eldredge.	April 4, 1838	Jan. 24, 1861	9	29	38	4	0	6	6	0	2	0	2	0	0	157
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. Feb. 1, '56	21	64	85	19	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	125
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	27	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S. May 1, '48	21	53	74	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Moultonboro', 1st	March 12, 1777	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	22	30	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Moultonboro', 2d	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	27	43	70	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell.	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	53	96	149	26	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	160
Tuftonborough,	1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	8	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	19	45	64	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	70
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts.	.....	S. S. Apr. 1, '61	11	27	38	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	60
Wolfboro' North	June 18, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	15	28	43	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	52
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 3. S. S., 4.			200	448	648	120	6	7	13	12	2	0	14	3	6	856

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel Kingsbury, Tamworth, ordained June 13, 1827; Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield, ordained November 1, 1826; Thomas L. Ambrose, Missionary, Persia.

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe*. SAMUEL H. RIDDELL, Tamworth, *Statistical Scribe*.

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis	May 22, 1844	May 28, 1844	72	153	225	26	2	1	3	7	0	3	10	2	0	174
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	27	39	66	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	160
Hollis,	Before 1743	P. B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	85	144	229	14	1	1	2	7	1	4	12	0	0	250
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	D. Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	46	66	112	23	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	140
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	George E. Fisher	Feb. 27, 1860	June 22, 1859	37	88	125	40	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	1	80
Merrimack, South	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			13	23	36	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Milford,	1788	F. D. Ayer.	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	83	202	285	53	0	1	1	6	5	0	11	0	0	394
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	Charles J. Hill	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	93	354	447	105	3	11	14	3	9	0	12	1	4	571
Olive Street	1834	A. Richards, D. D.	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	105	341	446	184	1	12	13	1	14	0	15	0	0	274
Pearl Street	Sept. 3, 1846	Vacant.			51	142	193	40	0	4	4	2	21	0	23	0	0	290
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Vacant.			92	168	260	25	0	87	87	3	7	1	11	0	1	200
Mont-Vernon,	Sept., 1780	Charles E. Lord	May 8, 1844	Feb. 11, 1857	55	75	130	10	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	1	1	135
Rindge,	Dec., 1765	A. W. Burnham	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	79	127	206	5	0	1	1	5	2	6	13	0	13	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1761	George Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	29	72	101	17	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100
Wilton, 2d Ch.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	30	94	124	27	0	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	162
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 12.			897	2,088	2,985	585	12	41	53	45	75	14	134	7	20	3,230

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., ordained October 13, 1802; E. M. Kellogg, Nashua, ordained October 26, 1842; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained January 13, 1819; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained October 17, 1832; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained November 4, 1830.

LICENTIATES. Augustus Berry, Pelham; Sylvanus Hayward, Dunbarton.

T. P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe*. CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe*.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,.....	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	11	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Boscawen,.....	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith.....	July 2, 1840	June 15, 1843	54	101	155	25	0	3	3	4	2	0	6	0	3	125
Bradford,.....	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	14	31	45	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	40
Bristol,.....	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott.....	.....	S. S.	26	51	77	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60
Canterbury,.....	About 1760	H. Moody.....	Nov. 22, 1843	S.S.Dec.19,'60	32	64	96	20	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	1	1	100
Concord, First.....	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D....	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	66	176	242	39	3	8	11	2	4	1	7	1	5	200
Concord, East.....	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson.....	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	34	72	106	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	90
Concord, South....	Feb. 1, 1837	Henry E. Parker...	March 13, 1849	May 14, 1851	106	215	321	47	2	5	7	0	5	1	6	2	21	300
Concord, West.....	April 22, 1833	Asa P. Tenney.....	June, 1828	Apr. 23, 1833	65	129	194	35	1	6	7	2	2	0	4	0	0	150
Fisherville,.....	Nov. 6, 1850	A. Wm. Fiske.....	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	27	65	92	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	9	144
Franklin,.....	June 11, 1822	William T. Savage.	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	40	95	135	41	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	200
Henniker,.....	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton.....	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	50	118	168	47	1	5	6	6	0	0	6	1	1	300
Hill,.....	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	15	22	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65
Hopkinton,.....	Nov. 23, 1757	E. B. Cook.....	1846	March 6, 1861	73	103	176	25	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	114
Northfield & S. Br.,	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice....	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	44	107	151	34	1	2	3	4	2	1	6	1	1	160
Pembroke,.....	March 12, 1808	L. Goodrich.....	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	42	96	138	30	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	242
Salisbury,.....	Nov. 29, 1773	H. Merrill.....	May 7, 1845	March 17, 1858	23	52	75	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	1	89
Warner,.....	Feb. 5, 1772	D. Warren.....	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	27	66	93	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Webster,.....	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton.....	Apr. 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	65	92	157	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	184
Wilmot,.....	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Arms.....	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	19	31	50	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	74
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 2.			818	1,690	2,508	382	13	31	44	37	25	3	65	8	50	2,712

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained September 26, 1804; William Patrick, Boscawen, ordained October 26, 1803; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Editor of the "Congregational Journal," Concord, ordained May 26, 1831.

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, Webster, October 19, 1858; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, October 19, 1858; Samuel H. Amsden, Danbury, May 14, 1861.

LEWIS GOODRICH, Pembroke, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	Oct. 15, 1802	Daniel McClenning	Apr. 29, 1852	S. S. 1861	9	23	32	6	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	50
Colebrook,	Dec. 4, 1802	H. M. Bridge	1849	Aug. 6, 1860	25	26	31	12	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	67
Dalton,	Apr. 28, 1816	George W. Stinson		S. S., 1861	8	17	25	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88
Franconia,	April, 1814	Daniel McClenning		S. S., 1861	5	13	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	93	132	2	3	2	5	2	0	1	3	0	1	125
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	J. B. Hill	August, 1860	S. S., 1857	15	21	36	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	52
Total, 7.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 2. S. S., 4.			101	197	298	41	3	5	8	6	2	1	9	0	3	457

Josiah Morse, Northumberland, ordained February, 1833; preaches at Guildhall, Vt.

HOSEA ALDRICH, Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer	May 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	17	34	51	24	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	50
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	5	25	30	9	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	0	0	50
Alstead, New	1788	William Claggett	1830	S. S., 1861	32	60	92	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Chesterfield,	1771	Jeffries Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	8	32	40	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	60
Dublin,	1827	N. W. Sheldon	1824	S. S., 1860	10	19	29	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	30
Fitzwilliam,	1771	William L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	98	148	15	8	2	10	5	2	0	7	1	10	200
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams	April 28, 1840	March 19, 1851	15	27	42	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	86
Harrisville,	1840	J. K. Bragg	.....	S. S., 1861	13	29	42	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	104
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	38	77	115	9	1	10	11	3	0	0	3	0	8	100
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	33	79	112	30	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	150
Jaffrey, East	1850	F. D. Austin	June 23, 1858	S. S., 1857	19	49	68	4	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	94
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D.D. / J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 / Jan. 29, 1861	66	251	317	9	18	9	77	1	5	0	6	7	3	361
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	29	67	96	28	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	1	120
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway*	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	32	56	88	26	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	3	165
Roxbury,	1816	T. W. Duncan	June 13, 1821	S. S., 1858	5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Stoddard,	1787	Samuel L. Gerould	Pastor elect.		6	37	43	10	6	3	9	4	5	0	9	6	0	65
Sullivan,	1792	N. Barbour	Dec., 1836	S. S., 1861	30	49	79	11	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	2	130
Surry,	1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	10	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	21	52	73	7	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	137
Troy,	1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	22	42	64	21	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	80
Westmoreland,	1764	R. B. Gidden	June, 1860	S. S. Jan. 1860	25	59	84	15	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
" Evan.	1853	Vacant.	.....	.....	6	15	21	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	30
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb 3, 1847	Feb. 8, 1847	63	108	171	35	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	1	3	180
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	74	92	9	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	140
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 10. S. S., 12.			567	1361	1928	334	45	36	81	36	38	3	77	20	35	2546

* Member of Suncook Association.

WITHOUT CHARGE. H. G. Park, Walpole, ordained December 16, 1829; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained August 7, 1831.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1791	Vacant.			37	100	137	30	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	150
Canaan	1799	Moses Gerould		S. S.	7	22	29	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Vacant			7	13	20	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	60
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	49	139	188	38	13	4	17	3	2	0	5	8	3	214
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith		S. S.	32	68	100	37	3	2	5	2	2	0	4	3	0	0
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	128	231	369	35	1	4	5	8	4	0	12	1	6	274
Littleton,	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	103	137	15	7	7	14	4	4	0	8	1	1	180
Orford,	May 1, 1822	Moses T. Runnells	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.	20	51	71	16	1	2	3	4	3	1	8	0	0	150
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.			22	60	82	23	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	1	2	80
Piermont,	March 10, 1803	A. L. Marden	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	52	80	132	16	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	136
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Vacant			9	28	37	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	150
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 4.	Pastors, 4.	S. S., 3.	397	895	1292	216	29	26	55	27	26	1	53	14	14	1444

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, ordained October 27, 1853.

LICENTIATES. L. B. Whittemore Orfordville, William S. Palmer, Andover, Mass., and John Eaton, Andover, Mass., had licenses renewed, May, 1861; S. L. Gerould, Canaan, and J. W. Pickett, licensed February 10, 1861.

JOHN D. EMERSON, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,.....	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey.....	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept. 1859	15	39	54	11	10	0	10	0	1	0	1	9	1	80
Brentwood,.....	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod.....	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	19	57	76	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	100
Dover, 1st Ch.....	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson..	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	71	264	335	112	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	3	250
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	B. F. Parsons.....	Jan. 12, 1847	Sept. 3, 1856	15	54	69	13	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	0	3	100
Durham,.....	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey.....	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	53	65	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	92
Exeter, 1st Ch.....	1638; R. 1698	Elias Nason.....	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	50	90	140	4	3	4	7	4	7	0	11	2	0	216
Exeter, 2d Ch.....	Jan., 1744	O. T. Lanphear....	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	36	108	144	3	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	2	2	250
Epping,.....	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns.....	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S., 1857	15	23	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112
Farmington,.....	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent..	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	10	32	42	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	159
Great-Falls, 1st Ch.	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield...	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	42	109	151	15	2	4	6	2	8	2	12	1	2	315
Great-Falls, 2d Ch.	1857	Vacant.	.....	.....	20	40	60	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenland,.....	July, 1706	Edward Robie.....	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	50	65	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	69
Hampton,.....	1638	John Colby.....	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	67	137	204	21	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	6	148
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	12	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kensington,.....	Oct. 8, 1859	William Page.....	Dec. 4, 1840	S. S., 1861	2	18	20	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Kingston,.....	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish...	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	12	40	52	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	67
Newcastle,.....	1671	Lucius Alden.....	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	27	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
Newmarket,.....	March 7, 1828	Elias Chapman....	Nov. 26, 1845	S. S., 1858	20	31	51	10	0	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
North-Hampton,..	Oct. 31, 1739	John Dinsmore....	Nov. 18, 1852	Nov. 18, 1852	63	100	163	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	201
Portsmouth,.....	1671	William L. Gage...	Oct. 17, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	75	234	309	53	6	5	11	7	6	0	13	2	3	195
Raymond,.....	1791	George W. Sargent	1859	1859	70	90	160	16	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	0	0	162
Rochester,.....	173.	James M. Palmer..	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	95	115	0	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	4	115
Rye,.....	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis.....	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	28	75	103	9	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	100
Salmon Falls,.....	May 1, 1846	Dana B. Bradford..	June 13, 1838	Aug. 11, 1858	17	69	86	43	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	60
South-Newmarket,..	1730	Winthrop Fifield..	May 10, 1837	S. S., 1852	10	20	30	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	58
Stratham,.....	1746	Edward C. Miles...	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	17	35	52	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	82
Total, 26.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 18. S. S., 6.			742	1842	2544	349	33	29	62	39	44	2	85	19	43	*3232

* Mission Sabbath Schools, 120. Total, 3352

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; John LeBosquet, ordained September 21, 1836,—preaches at Newington.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore preaches at Lee.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	Mar. 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	64	104	168	19	2	1	3	2	3	0	5	0	5	176
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	Joseph Garland,	June 21, 1848	S. S.	12	43	55	19	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	90
Claremont,	Uncertain.	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1834	Jan. 16, 1839	66	158	224	51	2	2	4	7	8	1	16	0	3	145
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	30	47	77	19	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	75
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	18	28	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	134	244	119	6	4	10	4	3	0	7	3	0	170
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Henry Richardson,	Nov. 23, 1831	S.S. Mar. 1850	16	27	43	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Wm. O. Baldwin,	Oct. 4, 1854	S. S.	11	18	29	0	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	1	0	80
Langdon, 1st Ch.	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.	7	34	41	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	57
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	44	100	144	5	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	A. Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S. Ap. 28, '61	35	53	88	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			8	15	23	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	67	108	39	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	50
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	87	151	238	54	0	1	1	2	3	1	6	0	7	150
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			4	16	20	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.	4	27	31	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	June 26, 1851	34	61	95	5	2	5	7	1	3	0	4	0	0	150
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 8. S. S., 6.			583	1073	1656	300	20	18	38	29	23	3	55	4	19	1503

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Prof., Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; David Kimball, Printer, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, Teacher, Meriden; Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained October 6, 1852; Charles A. Aiken, Prof., Hanover; Clement Long, D. D., Prof., Hanover; William A. Packard, Prof., Hanover; Henry Fairbanks, Prof., Hanover; Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained December 27, 1820.

LICENTIATE. Cyrus S. Richards, Teacher, Meriden.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe*. RUFUS CASE, West Lebanon, *Statistical Scribe*.

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S. Sept.1,'60	59	129	188	59	0	0	0	6	3	0	9	0	0	150
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gray,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S. Aug.1,'57	37	61	98	29	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	0	1	110
Epsom,	1761	A. B. Peffers,	1855	S. S., 1860	31	53	84	8	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	125
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	17	26	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	38
" Iron W'ks	Oct. 12, 1830	Vacant.	.....	.....	41	64	105	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	66
Loudon, 1st Ch.,	1789	Luther Townsend,	March 5, 1845	S.S. Oct.28,'60	22	49	71	15	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50
Loudon, 2d Ch.,	Aug. 14, 1828	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	23	45	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	43
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	52	84	136	6	0	2	2	4	5	2	11	0	1	160
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	Dec. 12, 1854	60	138	198	39	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	1	151
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 2.	S. S., 5.	324	621	945	199	0	7	7	22	16	2	40	0	4	998

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, Pittsfield, ordained November 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Caswell, Bristol, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; E. H. Blanchard, Warwick, Mass.

J. A. HOOD, Pittsfield, *Scribe, and Statistical Scribe.*

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Names.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates.....	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	57	103	160	25	8	3	11	4	2	0	6	4	1	150
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	13	35	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	Edward F. Abbott.	.....	S. S.	10	34	44	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler.....	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	99	188	287	49	2	6	8	13	5	0	18	2	4	410
Greenfield, Cong'l..	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall...	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S. July, 1860	43	64	107	21	2	2	4	3	5	0	8	0	3	110
Greenfield, Evang'l	Jan. 7, 1834	D. Goodhue.....	May 2, 1848	S. S., 1860	54	58	112	42	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	93
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow....	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	63	93	156	20	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	1	0	220
Hillsboro' Bridge,..	May 29, 1839	H. Brickett.....	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1858	19	54	73	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	170
Hillsboro' Center,..	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams	.....	S. S.	22	38	60	12	5	0	5	1	6	0	7	0	5	65
Lyndeborough,.....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett.....	Sept. 30. 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	71	122	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	1	175
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell.....	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	56	115	171	23	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	0	3	215
Peterboro', Un'n Ev	April 21, 1858	George Dustan.....	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	31	63	94	0	0	10	10	3	1	0	4	0	1	180
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 6. S. S., 5.			518	916	1434	214	21	27	48	40	23	0	63	8	18	1938

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel McClenning, Bethlehem.

LICENTIATE. M. N. Root, Francestown.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe*. E. B. CLAGGETT, Lyndeborough, *Statistical Scribe*.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1861.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	2	13	8	2	2	12	0	329	655	984	84	13	10	23	16	8	2	26	5	24	1212
2. Derry & Man'r,	4	24	14	6	2	22	1	923	2055	2978	556	45	48	93	48	31	10	89	26	50	3692
3. Harmony,	5	12	3	4	3	10	0	200	448	648	120	6	7	13	12	2	0	14	3	6	856
4. Hollis,	3	15	12	0	5	17	2	897	2088	2985	585	12	41	53	45	75	14	134	7	20	3230
5. Hopkinton,	3	20	15	2	3	20	3	818	1690	2508	382	13	31	44	37	25	3	65	8	50	2712
6. Lancaster,	1	7	2	4	1	6	0	101	197	298	41	3	5	8	6	2	1	9	0	3	457
7. Monadnock,	3	24	10	12	2	24	0	567	1361	1928	334	45	36	81	36	38	3	77	20	35	2546
8. Orange,	2	11	4	5	2	11	5	397	895	1292	216	29	26	55	27	26	1	54	14	14	1444
9. Piscataqua,	2	26	18	6	3	27	1	742	1802	2544	349	33	29	62	39	44	2	85	19	43	3352
10. Sullivan,	2	17	9	5	11	25	1	583	1073	1656	300	20	18	38	29	23	3	55	4	19	1503
11. Suncook,	3	10	2	5	6	13	0	324	621	945	199	0	7	7	22	16	2	40	0	4	998
12. Union,	1	12	6	5	1	12	1	518	916	1434	214	21	27	48	40	23	0	63	8	18	1938
Total, 12.	31	191	103	56	41	199	14	6399	13801	20200	*3380	240	285	525	357	313	41	711	114	286	23940

***The absent members are not additional to *males* and *females*, as in the tables of previous years.**

Name.	Number of Churches, and Geographical Limits.	Place and Time of Meeting.	Assessments.	Officers.		Charities.	Local Expenditures.
				Clerks.	Treasurers.		
CHESHIRE.	Twenty-five churches in Cheshire County.	Jaffrey, on the second Wednesday of June, 1862.	$12 00	Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum.	Dea. Asa Duren, Keene.	$1,863 96	Meeting-house at Keene enlarged and repaired at an expense, including organ and furniture, of nearly $14,000.
GRAFTON.	Twenty-two churches in Grafton County.	Not organized.	10 00				
HILLSBOROUGH.	Thirty-four churches in Hillsboro' County.	Wilton, on the second Tuesday of June, 1862.	24 00	Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis.	Dea. J. A. Wheat, Nashua.	9,294 06 Legacies, 1,857 69 11,151 85	
LANCASTER.	Seven churches in Coos County united with churches in Vermont.		2 00				
MERRIMACK.*	Nineteen churches in Merrimack County.	Hopkinton, on the fourth Tuesday of June, 1862.	14 50	Rev. H. Merrill, Salisbury.	George Hutchins, Concord.	Not reported.	South church, Concord, has erected a beautiful edifice, at a cost, including the land, of $25,000; at Franklin, $1,000 expended in repairs of the meeting-house.
ROCKINGHAM.	Thirty-two churches in Rockingham Co.	Hampstead, on the second Tuesday of June, 1862.	18 00	Rev. W. Fifield, South-Newmarket.	Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter.	3,949 37	
STRAFFORD.	Twenty-eight churches in Carroll, Belknap, and Strafford Counties.	Laconia, on the second Tuesday of June 1862.	12 50	Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington.	Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover.	Not reported.	
SULLIVAN.	Thirteen churches in Sullivan County.	Cornish, on the third Tuesday of June, 1862.	7 00	Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont.	Dea. N. W. Goddard, Claremont.	Not reported.	

* During the year, parsonages have been built, or repaired, in Franklin, Chichester, Salisbury, and Wilmot, at an expense, respectively, of $2,400, $1,800, $900, and $1,700.

REMARKS.

The returns which are printed in the preceding tables, embrace a period of twelve months, from July 1, 1860, to July 1, 1861. By a change in the arrangement, the absentees, who are reported in a column by themselves, are also included in the number of males and females; so that our tables now correspond with the order adopted by other ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in fellowship.

CHURCHES. The first and second churches in New-Ipswich were united on the 22d of January. We accordingly report 191 churches, one less than last year.

ASSOCIATIONS. Derry and Manchester Associations having united in one organization, we report only 12 Associations, which will explain the changes in their numerical standing.

MEMBERS. The whole number reported is 20,200. Additions—by profession, 240; by letter, 285; total, 525. Removals—by death, 357; by dismission, 313; by exclusion, 41; total, 711: a decrease of 183. By a comparison with the membership reported in 1860, which was 20,758, the decrease is 528. This large discrepancy is occasioned by neglecting to report the number of persons who are dropped from the church lists on the revision of catalogues. In such cases the members omitted should always be reported under the head of "excluded." This subject is distinctly mentioned in the directions prefixed to the blanks, which are sent annually to the churches. The larger portion of our churches furnish returns which are consistent with previous reports; shall not the membership of the remainder be reduced to a reliable basis without delay?

DEATHS. In the following list I insert the names of ministers once connected with churches in this State, with the date of their decease: viz., 1861, January 15, Rev. C. B. Haddock, D. D., at West Lebanon, aged 65 years; February 4, Rev. Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., at Hanover, aged 87 years; March 14, Rev. Broughton White, at Acworth, aged 88 years; March 22, Rev. Enos Merrill, at Orford, aged — years; March 25, Rev. Joshua Dodge, at Concord, aged 82 years; April 26, Rev. Winsor A. Smith, at Cincinnati, aged 46 years; May 4, Rev. John Woods, at Fitzwilliam, aged 76 years; May 13, Rev. John H. Merrill, at Hollis, aged 44 years; August 4, Rev. Abraham Jenkins, at Fitzwilliam, aged 50 years.

DISMISSIONS. August 15, 1860, Rev. W. A. Smith, from the church at Orford; October 15, Rev. S. C. Kendall, from the Congregational church at Milford; November 22, Rev. Nathaniel Lasell, from the First Congre-

gational church in Exeter; November 26, Rev. Silas M. Blanchard, from the church in Wentworth; December 19, Rev. Howard Moody, from the church in Canterbury; December 4, Rev. Samuel Lee, from the First church in New-Ipswich.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. October 17, 1860, Rev. William L. Gage, over the North church in Portsmouth; November 22, Rev. Elias Nason, over the first Congregational church in Exeter; December 5, Rev. Daniel E. Adams, ordained pastor of the Second Congregational church in Wilton; December 17, Rev. Andrew Rankin, over the Congregational church in Danbury; 1861, January 20, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, over the Congregational church in Alton; January 29, Rev. J. A. Hamilton, ordained colleague pastor of Rev. Dr. Barstow, at Keene; February 13, Rev. William O. Carr, ordained evangelist, at Barnstead; February 20, Rev. Leonard S. Parker, over the First church in Derry; March 6, Rev. E. W. Cook, over the Congregational church in Hopkinton; May 1, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Milford; May 23, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, over the First Congregational church in Great Falls; May 30, Rev. A. L. Marden, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Piermont.

CATALOGUE. I have endeavored to make the catalogue complete, and to give the post-office address of every minister connected with the Association up to the time of going to press. Unassociated ministers are printed whenever the name and address have come to my knowledge. The names of licentiates will be found appended to the Associations by which they are licensed.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The schools connected with our churches report an increase of 366 members. This gain on the last year is the more gratifying as several schools have reported only the average attendance. The whole number should be given, but with care to report only the names of scholars actually connected with the school; otherwise, transient pupils may be reported more than once.

CONFERENCES. The table, printed in connection with the "summary," will explain itself. I hope the treasurers of the several Conferences will enable me hereafter to publish, not only the sum total of their charities, but the amount contributed to each object; as Home Missionary, Bible cause, and the like. It would also be of interest to report what sums are expended in support of the local institutions of religion, with the cost of building or repairing houses of worship, chapels and parsonages. Annexed to the table is a brief statement of recent expenditures of this class.

I must again acknowledge my indebtedness to the Statistical Scribes and others, who have aided me by furnishing valuable materials. It would lighten the labor of preparing this record, if ministerial changes, deaths, dismissions and ordinations were forwarded directly to me, with names and dates accurately given.

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Secretary.*

Amherst, September 23, 1861.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., Deering. 12.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer F. D., Milford. 4.
Baldwin William O., Enfield. 10.
Barbour N., Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 3.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
Bradford Dana B., Salmon Falls. 9.
Bragg Jesse K., Harrisville. 7.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Bridge Henry M., Colebrook. 6.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Butterfield H. Q., Great Falls. 1.
Buxton Edward, Webster.
Carr W. O., Barnstead. 11.
Case Rufus, West Lebanon. 10.
Caswell Enoch H., Bristol. 11.
Chandler A., Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, Great Falls. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Plymouth. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Cook E. B., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Dinsmore John, North-Hampton. 9.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Roxbury. 7.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Alton. 3.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 10.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fifield Winthrop, South-Newmarket. 9.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 9.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Glidden K. B., Westmoreland. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Hamilton J. A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward, Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Pittsfield. 11.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett John E. B., Jaffrey.
Jewett Leonard, Hollis.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Nashua. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 10.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 3.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.

Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 10.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Long Clement, Hanover. 10.
Lord Charles E., 4.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Merrill Horatio, Salisbury. 5.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morse Josiah, Northumberland. 6.
Nason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 2.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Packard William A., Hanover. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page William, Atkinson. 9.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Walpole. 7.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parkinson Royal, Sandwich. 1.
Parsons Benjamin F., Dover. 9.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John M., Yarmouth, Me. 4.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 10.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Rankin Andrew, Danbury. 5.
Ray John W., Goffstown. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Richardson Henry, Gilead, Me. 10
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stinson George W., Dalton. 6.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenny Erdix, Lyme. 8.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Townsend Luther, Fitzwilliam. 7.
Tufts J. B., Wakefield. 3.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb. March.
Merrimack, ...	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham, ...	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., January.	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough, ...	October, Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,.....	Dec., January,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coos, ...	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., January.

* Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
† Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education.
‡ Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

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NOTICES FOR 1863.

Annual meeting at Haverhill, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon, to be appointed by the Monadnock Association.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Address to the churches, Rev. C. W. Wallace, and Rev. J. W. Ray, of Manchester.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Erdix Tenney, of Lyme, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, rule 7, sec. 4, Rev. Henry Cummings of Newport, Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, and Dea. David Chapin, of Newport.

Secretary, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE assembled at the South Congregational Church, in Concord, on Tuesday, August 26, 1862, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Cyrus W. Wallace, of Manchester, from Isaiah xxvi, 9.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair. The credentials of delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—James Boutwell, Charles Burnham.

Derry and Manchester—E. N. Hidden, James Holmes, C. W. Wallace, Ebenezer Newhall.

Harmony—Horace Wood.

Hollis—F. D. Ayer, A. W. Burnham, D. D., Wm. Clark.

Hopkinton—Corban Curtice, J. M. R. Eaton, A. M. Fiske, Lewis Goodrich.

Lancaster—Prescott Fay.

Monadnock—W. L. Gaylord, Jairus Ordway, S. L. Gerould.

Orange—Bezaleel Smith.

Piscataqua—A. Tobey, H. Q. Butterfield, G. W. Sargent.

Sullivan—J. Scales, A. Spaulding.

Union—J. H. Bates, Asahel Bigelow.

Suncook—J. A. Hood, A. B. Peffers.

White River—D. J. Noyes, D. D.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Benj. H. Fisher, Dea. C. P. Locke, Dea. Rufus Wilson, H. N. Fay.

Coös—Dea. Daniel G. Hutchinson.

Hillsborough—James Boyd, Dea. Joseph Kimball.

Merrimack—N. S. Sanborn, Enoch Little, Joseph B. Walker, Dea. Almon Harris.

Rockingham—Dea. C. M. French, Charles C. Parker.

Strafford—Orrin Folsom, Dea. Orrin Bugbee, J. H. Merrill.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Connecticut—Rev. E. C. Baldwin.

Iowa—Rev. J. H. Windsor.

Massachusetts—Rev. Elihu Loomis.

New-Hampshire Methodist Conference—Rev. M. Buckley.

Wisconsin—Rev. S. J. Humphrey.

Rhode-Island—Rev. Leonard Swain, D. D.

Vermont—Rev. L. Tenney.

Maine—Rev. J. Q. Bittenger.

Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Stephen Bush.

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Rev. J. G. Davis, Rev. H. E. Parker.

The Association was organized by the election of Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Moderator; Rev. Prescott Fay, Scribe; Rev. F. D. Ayer, Assistant Scribe.

Prayer offered by the Moderator.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. H. E. Parker, Rev. J. H. Bates, J. B. Walker, Esq.

Committee on Nominations—Rev. Jacob Scales, Rev. James Boutwell, Dea. C. P. Locke.

By vote of the Association, ministers and laymen present, belonging to the churches connected with this body, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Leonard S. Parker.

Letters from the General Association of New-York, General Association of Michigan, and New-Hampshire Baptist Con-

vention, were read by the Secretary, conveying their fraternal salutations.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Ray, in behalf of the committee, presented the narrative of the state of religion in the churches.

The report was followed by remarks from Rev. Messrs. Curtice, of Sanbornton Bridge, Peffers, of Epsom, and Pickett, of Wentworth, who gave accounts of revivals in their respective congregations.

Rev. M. Buckley, of the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, Rev. E. C. Baldwin, of the General Association of Connecticut, and Rev. E. Loomis, of the General Association of Massachusetts, presented the Christian salutations of the bodies which they represented.

The Association resumed business.

Voted, That, in the future meetings of the Association, an arrangement be made for a social interview, when practicable.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the names of Rev. Wm. Clark, for Auditor; of Rev. Henry Cummings, Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, and Dea. David Chapin, for Committee of Inquiry; of Rev. Erdix Tenney, and Rev. Prescott Fay, for Committee on Narratives, who were elected.

An inquiry being submitted to the Association, respecting the expediency of loaning the library of the Gilmanton Theological Institute to the Theological Seminary at Chicago, the subject was committed to Rev. C. W. Wallace, Rev. A. Tobey, and Rev. C. Curtice, with instructions to report at a subsequent session.

Voted, That the next annual meeting be held at Haverhill, that the Monadnock Association appoint the preacher of the opening sermon, and that Rev. Leonard S. Parker deliver the sermon before the Sacrament—substitute, Rev. S. P. Leeds.

Rev. Dr. Bouton read the report of the treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund, which was accepted and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Rev. W. T. Savage, Rev. C. W. Wallace, and Rev. L. Tenney, of Vermont, were appointed a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country.

After singing, adjourned to 7 o'clock.

Evening. Met at 7 o'clock, when the Association adjourned till Wednesday, 9 o'clock A. M., giving place to public religious services.

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Baldwin.

Sermon from 1st John iv, 16, by Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, New-York city.

WEDNESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.*

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Sylvanus Heywood.

Minutes read by the Scribe.

A letter was read by the Secretary, conveying the Christian salutations of the Congregational Union of Canada, and expressing a lively "sympathy for the Christian brethren and sisters of the great American Republic," with the wish that "their anxieties and sorrows may be speedily followed by joy and gladness over such a termination of internal dissension, as shall be associated with bright promise of lasting peace on solid foundations." After expressing their fervent desire for the continuance of amity between Great Britain and America, they communicate the following resolution, passed in June last, at their meeting in Hamilton, C. W.:

"*Resolved*, That, in reference to the critical state of affairs in the neighboring republic, this Union, while deploring the bloodshed and widespread desolation attending the strife in which they are engaged, would express its thankfulness that there is so much reason to expect that the struggle will be speedily brought to a close, by the reëstablishment of rightful authority. And our prayer is, as it has been, that the day of freedom, as well as of peace, may be nigh at hand, and the downfall of slavery, in all the States and Territories, be complete and final."

The Association then received salutations from delegates of the following corresponding bodies: viz., Rev. Leonard Swain, D. D., from the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode-Island; Rev. J. W. Windsor, from the General Association of Iowa; Rev. S. J. Humphrey, from the General Association of Wisconsin.

Rev. C. W. Wallace reported for the Committee on Gilmanton Library.

After discussion, the report was laid on the table.

Dr. Bouton and Rev. Mr. Ray were appointed a committee

*Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock, at which Rev. Mr. Wallace presided.

to take into consideration the claims of the American Congregational Union.

Voted, That the Committee on the State of the Country be requested to take into consideration the subject of chaplaincies.

10 *o'clock.* Brief addresses were made by Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the American Tract Society, New-York; Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society; Rev. S. B. Treat, in behalf of the American Board of Foreign Missions; and Rev. J. P. Langworthy, in behalf of the American Congregational Union.

After prayer by Rev. Wm. Clark, the Association adjourned till 1¼ o'clock P. M.

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11 *o'clock.* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath-School Society.

Singing by the children of the Sabbath-schools, under the lead of Mr. Hodgdon.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Eldridge.

Report by the Secretary, Rev. J. Cummings.

Children were addressed by Rev. Mr. Gage, Rev. S. W. Hanks, and Dr. Wheeler.

Benediction by Rev. Mr. Gage.

Met according to adjournment, at 1¼ o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Langworthy.

The Treasurer of the Association made his report, which was accepted.

Voted, That 600 copies of the minutes be printed.

Voted, That $90 be raised, by assessment to defray current expenses.

On motion of the Secretary the claims of the American Congregational Union were referred to a committee, with instructions to report on the same; whereupon Rev. Dr. Bouton and Rev. J. W. Ray were appointed the committee.

Rev. Charles J. Hill, of Nashua, was appointed Secretary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Society.

At 2 o'clock the Association gave place to the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Bishop Baker, Vice-President, in the chair. Moved that the annual meetings of the society be held hereafter independently of the meetings of the General Association, until otherwise ordered; which motion prevailed; the time and place of meeting to be decided by the directors.

The Treasurer submitted a brief statement of the receipts and expenditures of the current year.

The meeting was then addressed by Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, of Great Falls.

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3 *o'clock.* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society.

The President, Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D., in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Swain, of Providence, R. I. The report of the Treasurer was presented by Rev. Dr. Bouton.

The report of the Secretary, Prof. Brown, was read.

The audience was then addressed by Rev. Mr. Tarbox, Secretary of the American Education Society; Prof. Noyes, the President, Rev. Mr. Wallace, Rev. Mr. Davis and Rev. Mr. Treat. After this an address in behalf of the American & Foreign Christian Union was made by Rev. Joseph Emerson.

The Association resumed business, when the Secretary read the Pastoral Letter, written by Rev. Amos Blanchard.

Voted, That the letter be adopted and printed with the Minutes.

Voted, That the usual sermon before the Sacrament be omitted.

After prayer by Rev. Mr. Robie, adjourned till 7½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

The services were opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Sargent.

The following questions were discussed:

1. Should the growing custom of ordaining ministers without a pastoral charge be encouraged by the churches and ministry?

Discussed by Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. Wm. T. Savage and Rev. L. Marshall.

2. By what practical means can Christian influence be made to reach those who habitually absent themselves from the sanctuary?

Discussed by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Rev. P. B. Day, Rev. E. Loomis.

3. Is there any thing in the sentiments and tendencies of our congregations that demand a more full presentation of the doctrine of future punishment?

Discussed by Rev. E. B. Cook and Rev. Wm. Clark.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Thomas Savage.

THURSDAY MORNING.*

Met according to adjournment at 9 o'clock.

After prayer the minutes of the preceding day were read.

The report on the Gilmanton library being taken from the table,

Voted, That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the several District Associations be requested to take into consideration the prevailing neglect of public worship and that they endeavor to devise and carry into effect such measures as promise to correct this serious evil.

American Congregational Union.

The Committee on the American Congregational Union submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we are in favor of a modification of the plan of the union, and trust that the able committee to whom this matter was committed at the last meeting of the body in New-York, will prepare a report that will harmonize the views of all concerned.

2. *Resolved*, That we approve of *church building*, as one object of the union, and also of the proposal, occasionally, to hold a convention of the Congregational body, to be composed of delegates, of ministers and laymen, from all the General Associations and Conferences in the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That we deem it highly desirable that measures should be taken in season to call a public meeting of Congregationalists during or previous to the anniversary at New-York in May, 1863, to take into consideration the *future* of the American Congregational Union, and to inaugurate such measures as will, with the blessing of God, serve both to combine the strength and extend the influence of the Congregational body.

*Prayer-meeting at 8 o'clock, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Swain.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine, at Biddeford, on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (23d), 1863.

Primary, Rev. E. N. Hidden.
Substitute, Rev. M. Gerould.

To the General Convention of Vermont, at Middlebury, June 16, 1863.

Primary, Rev. O. T. Lanphear.
Substitute, Rev. E. H. Richardson.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, in ——, Tuesday, June 4, 1863.

Primary, Rev. J. A. Hood.
Substitute, Rev. J. W. Ray.

To the General Association of Connecticut, at Hartford, June 16, 1863.

Primary, Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord.
Substitute, Rev. M. Leffingwell.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, at Barrington, June 9, 1863.

Primary, Rev. C. Curtice.
Substitute, Rev. A. W. Fiske.

To the General Association of New-York, in ——, September 18, 1863.

Primary, Rev. C. J. Hill.
Substitute, Rev. Wm. Gage.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference, at Cleveland, June 11, 1863.

Primary, Rev. W. R. Jewett.
Substitute, Rev. S. P. Leeds.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, October, 1862.

Primary, Rev. J. Willey.
Substitute, Rev. J. D. Emerson.

To the General Association of Michigan, at Union City, on the third Thursday of May (27th), 1863.

Primary, Rev. A. Benson.
Substitute, Rev. A. Tobey.

To the General Association of Iowa, at Burlington, June 8, 1863.

Primary, Rev. E. Nason.
Substitute, Rev. A. Foster.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.), Philadelphia, May 28, 1863.

Primary, Rev. G. W. Sargent.
Substitute, H. G. Park.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting in ——, 1863.

Primary, Rev. C. Burnham.
Substitute, Rev. E. B. Claggett.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference, at Haverhill, Ms., in April, 1863.

Primary, Rev. E. O. Jameson.
Substitute, Rev. A. Jaquith.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention, October, 1863.

Primary, Rev. M. W. Wells.
Substitute, Rev. K. B. Glidden.

To the Congregational Union of Canada, at Montreal, June 10, 1863.

Primary, Rev. R. F. Lawrence.
Substitute, Rev. S. Haywood.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas, fourth Thursday of May (25th), 1863.

Primary, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.
Substitute, J. G. Davis.

To the Congregational Association of Oregon, 1st Thursday of September (4th), 1863, at Forest Grove.

Primary, Rev. C. Cutler.
Substitute, Jefferies Hall.

To the Congregational Association of California, 1st Thursday in October (22d), 1863.

Primary, Rev. E. T. Howe.
Substitute, Rev. A. Spaulding.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota, on the second Thursday of October, 1863.

Primary, Rev. J. Holmes.
Substitute, Rev. R. Kimball.

State of the Country.

The Committee on the State of the Country submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted, *seriatem*:

WHEREAS, during the past year, the conspiracy against the institutions and life of the country has greatly enlarged its proportions, and is rapidly absorbing the energies of the republic, sacrificing the lives and the property of the members of our families and churches, we, the minis-

ters and delegates of the General Association of New-Hampshire, hereby adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we declare anew our loyalty and warm attachment to the government of the United States and to the commonwealth under which we live; and that whatever cost of treasure and blood it may involve, we will maintain them to the utmost of our ability.

Resolved, That no just cause has been given by the government or people for the ruthless rebellion that is so deplorably ravaging the country; that although the seeds of differing civilizations were originally planted and subsequently fostered on the shores of the Chesapeake and Massachusetts Bays, yet, under the power of an open bible, the silent influence of nature and a common oppression, the doctrines of public freedom and equality of conditions prevailed in the land, and were embodied in the constitution and permanent government of the republic; and that the outbreak has occurred in ruthless disregard alike of plighted faith, the welfare of the country, and the hopes of humanity; and that it is in opposition to the will of God.

Resolved, That for the suppression of this rebellion, the reliance of the country must be first and mainly on God, our founder and preserver, in humble fidelity to his laws, and next on the loyalty and patriotism of the people; that we gratefully recognize the interposition of God's hand for our deliverance in numerous exigencies of our past national history, in the surpassing perils of the present effort for the destruction of the republic, in the great uprising and union of the loyal people of the land, and in the patriotic spirit with which it has inspired the North to do and suffer all the more according to the bloody baptism with which its sons have been baptized.

Resolved, That we will sustain the President of the United States with our full confidence and support, in the momentous responsibilities resting on him; and that, while we will continually supplicate the throne of grace that he may be guided and upheld by the almighty hand, we entreat him to wield that majestic power with which he is invested as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy of the republic, and in such ways as his wisdom shall suggest to smite and if possible destroy the inhuman system of slavery, much the pretext and principal support of the rebellion; in order that the views of the founders of the republic may be realized, our national reproach taken away, and the life and civilization of the land be preserved.

Resolved, That we tender our warmest sympathies to the families of our churches and country, bereaved in the war; also to the men of our army and navy now engaged in and going forth to the conflict, and commend to them the words of Washington when bequeathing to his heirs the sword which he had worn in the war for liberty, "that they should never take it from its scabbard but in self-defense, or in defense of their country and its freedom." And commanding them that "when it should thus be drawn they should never sheathe it, or ever give it up, but prefer falling with it in their hands to the relinquishment thereof." And also the words of that other greater Captain, "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Resolved, That in view of the relation we sustain to a large number of volunteers in the army, the Association would express its deep sense of the importance of the appointment of competent and faithful chaplains for the instruction and religious benefit of the men under their charge, that their spiritual life may be preserved.

Voted, That the Secretary forward a copy of the above resolutions to the President of the United States.

Voted, That Rev. Messrs. Bates, Clement, D. D., and ——— be a committee to wait upon the Governor of the State and ask his attention to the resolution in regard to Chaplains.

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10 *o'clock*. Gave place to the New-Hampshire Home Missionary Society. Rev. Jacob Cummings in the chair. Prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Clement, Woodstock, Vt. After hearing the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Society was addressed by Rev. O. T. Lanphear, of Exeter; Rev. Dr. Hooker, Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Rev. P. B. Day, of Hollis, and Rev. D. P. Noyes, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society.

Business resumed. Rev. D. P. Noyes, of New-York, and Rev. Dr. Clement, of Vermont, were requested to officiate at the sacrament in the afternoon.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the South Church in this city for their kindness in opening their house of worship for the use of this Association on this occasion; to the choir, for their aid in our services, and to the families in this society and also to the families of Dr. Bouton's Society and other families in this city for their generous hospitality manifested toward the Association during this meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Committee of Arrangements for their efforts in obtaining, and to the managers of the various railroads leading from Concord, for their favor in granting free return tickets to the members of this body.

1½ *o'clock P. M.* Association met for the commemoration of the Lord's death. About 600 communicants were present. Rev. Messrs. Noyes and Clement, D. D., presided at the table, accompanying the distribution of the elements and the devotional services with appropriate remarks.

The Minutes having been read and approved the Association adjourned *sine die*.

J. M. R. EATON, *Moderator*.

PRESCOTT FAY, *Scribe*.

F. D. AYER, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

One important object in this convocation is to look over the interests of Zion in our State, and inquire of the watchmen "What of the night?" We are passing through scenes of stirring interest and of deep solemnity, as a nation. Our national life is assailed, and we are struggling to preserve it and to subdue the foe that so ruthlessly strikes at the nation's heart. And our inquiries for the condition of Zion is all the more important, because of this condition of affairs around us. We desire to know whether the people of God can pass through this furnace without the smell of fire upon them, or whether they shall be lured from their duty and their God, and made to prove indifferent or treacherous to Christ.

In glancing over the State, the first thing that claims our attention is the mortality among those called to stand on Zion's walls. Among these death has been somewhat busy. Although the "harvest is great and the laborers few," still death has been smiting the reapers. Two have fallen in the early period of their ministry. They had just fairly entered the conflict, with the armor buckled on, when they fell early victims to the power of the destroyer.

Four were called from the period of matured vigor. They had been sounding the alarm many years, and yet were not enfeebled by age. They were bearing the burden and heat of the day when the voice from on high was heard, saying "Give an account of thy stewardship." Two went to their rest in advanced age. They might lean upon the rod and staff of their heavenly father, for their steps were feeble by age, and they needed some arm for their support that never wearies and never grows old.

The first that died during the year was Rev. Abraham Jenkins, at Fitzwilliam, whose death was entered on the Minutes of last year.

The next was Rev. Clement Long, D. D., Professor at Dartmouth College. He died October 13, 1861, aged 54.

On the 18th of the same month died also Rev. William Page, aged 53. At the age of eighteen he became the subject of renewing grace. Very soon after he publicly consecrated himself to God, his thoughts were turned to the ministry as his field of labor, and he entered upon his preparation for the work. But his health failing, he was obliged to defer his preparation for several years. But he could not relinquish this pursuit. He closed his preparatory studies in 1839, and was ordained at Dracut,

Mass., where he labored two years. He was afterward installed over the church in Hudson, and labored there ten years. He was afterward pastor of the church in Salem, and supplied the church in Bath two years, when his labors were suspended on account of failing health. But although he returned to his native town (Atkinson), he could not be idle, but preached as he had opportunity till prostrated by his last sickness. He died in the full hope of a glorious immortality. Truly "he being dead yet speaketh." His biographer says of him, that he "was a judicious, sober, calm and good man. As a minister he was sound in doctrine, serious in manner, pure in life. He won the confidence of all who knew him, and his preaching was not in vain." The Association of which he was a member say of him, "that in the death of this brother in the ministry the Association feel that they have lost a kind, genial, christian companion, and an affectionate, devoted brother."

On the 23d of December death also bore away Rev. Henry M. Bridge, at Colebrook, aged 38. He was the subject of early religious impressions, but was not hopefully converted till about the age of 17, when he united with the Methodist Church. He soon after felt himself called to prepare to preach the gospel. He was licensed by the Methodists in 1844 as a local preacher. But he soon after found his views leaning toward Congregationalism. In February, 1852, he was regularly dismissed from the Methodist Conference, with a view of joining the Congregationalists, which he did soon after. He labored for some time in Massachusetts, but went to Minnesota in hopes of improvement in his health. Here he remained and preached very acceptably and successfully until finding his labors too severe for his physical strength he accepted an invitation from the church in Colebrook, New-Hampshire, to become their pastor. He entered upon his labors in April, 1860, under circumstances that gave very great promise of good, but his health soon failed. Consumption had laid its grasp upon him and he lingered for a few months and went to his rest. "As a preacher, he was solemn and instructive; as a pastor, kind and sympathetic; as a christian, his piety was deep, uniform and benevolent. As death approached his language was

> 'Jesus can make a dying bed
> Feel soft as downy pillows are.' "

When unable to speak he was asked if all was well, if Jesus was all to him, to raise his hand. That poor, emaciated hand was once more lifted in testimony for the Lord, and thus he fell asleep in Jesus.

On the twenty-third of the same month, Rev. Luther B. Whittemore, of Orfordville, was called away. In the absence of any account of his early life, we learn that his death was sudden. His memory is cherished with mingled emotions of respect and affection by his brethren, who bear witness to his devotion and self-sacrifice, and to his determination to serve Christ to the end of life, and "die with the harness on."

Rev. Leonard Jewett, who retired from the active duties of the ministry,

has slept with the fathers at the advanced age of 74. He enjoyed the privilege of making his own way in early life, and his opportunities of education were the price of personal toil. He first labored in the ministry as a missionary in New-York, where he laid the foundation for the infirmities of his subsequent life. After some travel and relaxation he was settled at Temple, New-Hampshire, where he labored as a pastor for eleven years. His labors were blessed to the spiritual prosperity of the church and people, and he retired from this field only on account of failing health. He returned to his native town, where he spent the remainder of his days as an efficient coöperator with his pastor in every good work. And here in peace he went to his rest February 16, 1862.

Rev. Luther Townsend died February 9, 1862, aged 48. His birthplace was Fitzwilliam. He made a public profession of religion when 19 years of age. His attention was soon turned to the ministry. Having fitted himself for his work by a course of liberal culture he was ordained at Troy, near his native place. His pastor remarked at his ordination that he need not seek a distant place of labor for fear that a knowledge of his youthful errors should follow him. He was dismissed from the church in Troy, after laboring fifteen years. He afterward preached at Loudon about a year, under the disadvantages of impaired health. He then returned to his native place to die. He was distinguished for the blamelessness of his life. In this way he adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour. He was interested in the young and labored for their good in the Sabbath School and in all other appropriate ways. As a preacher he was faithful to instruct and admonish with all long-suffering and doctrine from a desire to benefit his hearers. His last days were fearless. Shortly before his departure he bade all his friends farewell. When asked if he was happy and felt peace in his soul, he said "yes, peace, peace." His frequent exclamations amidst his extreme sufferings were, "bliss, glorious, glorious!" with others of like import. He felt assured that he was entering on his reward.

April 10th died Rev. E. H. Barstow, aged 45 years. Mr. Barstow graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839, and pursued his theological studies at Andover, Mass., and after teaching several years was settled at Walpole in 1845, and dismissed 1851. He then resumed his labors as a teacher at Newton, Mass. He was a man of culture and ability, and of a genial spirit.

On the 9th of May died Rev. Winthrop Fifield, aged 56. He was born in Salisbury, now Franklin. While studying medicine he became a hopeful convert to Christ. He became established as a physician at Pittsfield, but soon relinquished the profession for the ministry. Having completed his preparation for the work, he was ordained at Epsom, in May, 1837. He labored here with marked success for nine and a half years, during which time forty-nine were added to the church, mostly by profession. He afterward labored about five years at East Concord, and, in 1852, went

to South-Newmarket, where he continued his labors till they were closed by death. As a citizen he was public spirited, interested in every thing that would benefit the community. He was an active temperance man. He was long engaged in the anti-slavery cause, laboring to prepare the way for the bondman to go free. As a christian he was humble, prayerful, steadfast. As a preacher, he was plain, practical, earnest. As a pastor, he was social, sympathetic and laborious. He was often at the bedside of the sick to speak words of counsel and comfort. His health always feeble, gradually failed toward the end of his life, so that he was looking for his death and making definite arrangements in reference to it. And when he neared the end of his race, he found Christ precious. The Gospel he had preached afforded him support, and his views of the future grew brighter as he entered the valley. He spake words of parting to all his family and friends present, and after this, he seemed absorbed in the bliss of the future. And just before he departed, with his emaciated hands raised, he uttered the words, "Glory! glory! glory!" Thus passed another who had lived to persuade men to become reconciled to God.

In July, Rev. Albert Perry died at New-Ipswich, his native place. He received his elementary education at the Academy in his own town, and his theological at Andover, Mass. His ministerial labor was performed in Massachusetts, where he earned for himself the reputation of a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was summoned away after having labored but a few years, but he went to his rest in peace.

Also, Rev. James Hobart, of Berlin, Vt., died at the advanced age of 95 years 11 months and 16 days. He was a native of Plymouth, this State, and a graduate of Dartmouth College. He performed much missionary labor in destitute portions of New-Hampshire, and among our feeble churches. He was settled at Berlin, Vt., for many years, and after his dismissal, he preached in many different places in northern New-Hampshire and Vermont. He was peculiarly adapted to "strengthen the things that remain," and many a church that had become feeble, was greatly helped by his judicious and effective labors. It became somewhat proverbial, that if a church was especially enfeebled, that "Father Hobart" must be sent for; and usually increase of strength and new life were the result. He labored as he had opportunity, not only in public but in private, and many souls were guided by him to Christ, and many desponding ones were cheered by his presence and his counsels. And after a long life of service he has gone to his reward.

Thus closes our record of the departed. The laborers are passing away, but we have most gratifying evidence that they are entering upon a more glorious state, and into a more excellent service. And a voice comes from the graves of these brethren charging the living to "be faithful unto death," that they may receive a crown of life. Truly it must be a glorious blessing to pass from the vineyard of the Master, at the close of day, to rest in a mansion prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—In closing the narrative of the state of religion, read at the last meeting of this Association, the committee say: "Brethren, a great calamity has befallen our beloved country, through the deep shadow of which we are now passing; while, therefore, God's "judgments are abroad in the land, may the inhabitants thereof learn righteousness." Since then a year has elapsed, and this shadow, instead of being lifted, has settled deeper and denser, and earthward, its gloom now rests on all our prospects as a nation. In one quarter only is there any light, and that light, like the "pillar of fire," if followed with unwavering confidence, will conduct us safely through this "red sea" of rebellion and enable us at length to shout, "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and the rider hath he cast into the sea." But to secure the needful divine aid, the lessons of the past year must be deeply pondered and impressed on all our hearts.

The first of which is, That human wisdom and physical force, without God's blessing, is a source of weakness, not strength. This the events of the year teach, this the history of the world confirms. It is illustrated by almost every page, both of sacred and profane history. It stands out in bold relief in the present sad condition of the nation—in the waste of our treasures; in the partial successes and inglorious defeats of our armies; in the destruction of life by disease and battle; and in the fearful uncertainty which clouds the future. While we have, as we ought, put forth our energies and mustered our forces, and expended our treasures, we have been shown that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." God, by his providence, has confirmed the declaration, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Much, very much has been said of the numbers of our population; of the vastness of our resources; of the wisdom of our statesmen; of the courage and discipline of our land and naval forces; and of the certainty of our triumph in the end; while far too little has been thought of the utter inefficiency of such things, unless we secure the approbation and aid of Him, before whom "all nations are less than the light dust of the balance." Abstractly, our course may be just, and we may combine all the elements of a successful prosecution of it; and yet, unless God stamps it with the seal of his favor, our defeat will be more disastrous, and our ruin more complete. For "there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord." Left to ourselves, we may add one more, and that the most signal example of a people that perished "because they had forgotten God, and lightly esteemed the rock of their salvation." It is time, then, to lay aside our

boasting; to humble our pride, and mortify our vanity, and confess in deep self-abasement, our entire dependence on Him who "saves neither by many nor by few." The lessons of the past year teach us, that to secure God's blessing, there must be,

Second, Both individual and national repentance. God has a controversy with us, both individually and nationally. We have sinned as individuals, and we have sinned as a nation. The church, also, is deeply implicated in the guilt of the nation. Nor is this a time for crimination and recrimination. Hard names and abusive epithets will not adjust the degrees of wrong, nor balance the account of guilt. Repentance, therefore, like "charity, should begin at home." We should all "mourn apart," every one over his personal sins. It will not do to say that we have no personal sins that excite the displeasure of God, because there are some flagrant national wrongs against which we have earnestly protested, and honestly sought to remove. This may be true, and yet there may be personal sins cleaving to us, which, like the "wedge of gold, and goodly Babylonish garment" in the tent of Achan, may prevent the success of our armies on the distant battle-field, or foil the wisdom of our statesmen in the Cabinet, or in the halls of Congress. The members of Christ's church, when they engage in a good cause, should have clean hands and pure hearts. It is easy to call down fire from heaven on those whom we oppose and thus satisfy our conscience, while we combat sin in others in the very worst spirit of evil, and even while there are sins in which we habitually indulge that makes God say of all our prayers and all our sacrifices, "it is abomination unto me." God does not need us, but we can not do without him. We have need then to repent of our pride, our vanity, our covetousness, our selfishness, our self-indulgence, and our neglect of our social and public duties.

Nor is there a public or national wrong in which we are not in some way implicated, either by our aid, or our connivance, or our indifference. The Sabbath breaking, the intemperance, the profanity, the licentiousness, the avarice, the pride and luxury, and oppressions of the times, have not been as earnestly and energetically opposed by us, as the good of our fellow men demanded. We have withheld from the cause of Christ, and the cause of humanity "more than is meet, and it has tended only to poverty." Our piety has been too much a gilded show, and much of our civilization only a sugar-coated iniquity. The virtues which sweeten social intercourse, have not been duly cherished. We have become gregarious more than social—delighting in crowds, in noise, and show, and parade, and fashionable display, while the homely qualities which make us God-like and Christ-like, have been ignored and slighted. We have prized and honored men, more on account of their wealth, their trappings, their titles, and their positions, than for their moral worth and usefulness. Hence God has cast down our idols, wasted our riches, and made us drink the dregs of the bitter cup we ourselves have mingled. Let us fear, then,

lest he who stands in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, shall say to us, as of old, "So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent." The lessons of the past year teach us,

Third, Our need of more earnest, believing prayer. True penitence is always followed by true prayer. The one is the correlative of the other. It is the first exercise of the regenerate soul; it is the last aspiration of the believing spirit. The times demand much more than the forms and feelings of ordinary occasions. We have reached a crisis, when, if God does not hear us, and aid us, "and that right early," our all is lost. All we have that is precious, of earthly good, is now at stake. The life of the nation is struck at. We stand on the brink of a precipice, and an awful gulf now yawns beneath our feet. Nor is there any time to be wasted. If God does not speedily interpose, and open a way through this "sea of trouble," then this nation will soon be numbered among those that perished because they "knew not the things that belonged to their peace." Seize, then, this golden hour of merciful delay, and with one voice and one heart let all, both ministers and people, cry with holy importunity, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage over to reproach." In such an hour and in such a day as this, can the Christians of this land want incentives for deep, fervent, importunate prayer. Think, brethren, of our glorious Union broken up by the hands of perjured traitors; of our constitution and laws trampled in the dust by rebels in arms; of our land "drenched in fraternal blood"; of "states discordant, belligerent"; of our fathers, and sons, and brothers, exposed to danger and death on distant battle-fields; of the thousands of widows and orphans, mourning with broken hearts for those who will never more return to their embraces; of the millions of bondmen, whose bondage will be tenfold more bitter and hopeless; think of the disastrous future which awaits our beloved country if this rebellion be not put down, and this union restored; and then, in your private devotions, in your morning and evening worship at the family altar, and in all your public assemblies, on week days and on the Sabbath, let the cry of devout, penitent, believing hearts, so pierce the heavens, that He who is gracious and full of compassion, shall turn from his just indignation, and say to the angel of death, "It is enough, stay now thine hand." The lessons of the year teach us,

Fourth, The need of larger sacrifices, and greater personal efforts. We in the loyal states have scarcely begun to realize what it is to make sacrifices and efforts in behalf of our beloved country, except where friends and relatives have enlisted, or loved ones have died, struck down in battle, or by disease; none of our personal comforts have been abridged, nor has our personal safety been endangered. We have indulged in our usual

habits; there has been no change in our diet or our wardrobes; we have forgone none of the elegancies and pleasures of life; nor have we put forth any exertions which have tasked the hand or the mind. But times have now come, which call for much more than this—times which will call out whatever there is in us of loyalty, both to God and man—times that will test our piety, as well as our courage and love of country. Be ready, then, brethren, to meet these times, and even to go before them. Wait not to be urged, and coaxed, and persuaded. Above all, wait not to be coerced by the strong arm of law, nor the stern voice of public opinion. Let your loyalty be as spontaneous in its sacrifices and efforts in behalf of your country, as is the love of a mother for the dear objects of maternal affection. Look upon your country as the beneficent mother on whose maternal bosom you have been fostered, and in whose weal or woe is bound up all you hold dear and precious on earth. If you have wealth, give it; if you have talent, use it; if you have sons, devote them to the service of your country. If you have youth, and health, and strength, consecrate them to the same service, either in the camp or in manual labor at home. Let our women also imitate the daughters of the revolution, and forego, for a season, all unnecessary expenditure of person, of mansion, or of table. "Let the maid lay aside her ornaments, and the bride her attire." Yea, if need be, let not the land lie untilled, nor the crops remain ungarnered, while your husbands, and sons, and brothers, and lovers, are "jeopardizing their lives unto the death, for your sakes, in the high places of the field." Imitate the example of Ruth, the gleaner in the fields, and like her, your self-sacrifice and self-devotion may be as richly rewarded.

If this crisis is rightly improved and we prove ourselves equal to it, then will our present trial, dark as it now appears, be the occasion of the growth and development of the highest and noblest manly and Christian virtues. It is related, that in Germany there stood two vast towers far apart on the extremes of a castle, and that the old Baron to whom the castle belonged, under the influence of some fantastic feeling, stretched hugh wires across from one to the other, thus constructing an æolian harp. Ordinary winds produced no effect upon it; but when fierce storms and mighty winds roused themselves, and came rushing down the sides of the mountains, and through the valleys, and hurled themselves against those wires, then they would roll out majestic strains of music. Then were heard the grand symphonies of nature, when the chords are swept by the hand of the Almighty. Even so is it with many of the chords of religion and patriotism in the human soul; they are untouched in times of prosperity and peace, when fanned by balmy zephyrs, and gentle gales, and regaled by perfumes; but when God plays upon them with violent tempests that bring trouble and suffering and danger and death, then the deeper tones of our nature sound forth. And we have come to those times now, when men's souls are being touched by the Spirit and finger of God.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1861.		*Cr.*	
Sept. 13.	By balance of last year's account,	$22.97	
Oct. 21.	Minutes sold,	.25	
Nov.	Arrears, taxes of Hollis, Union and Derry Associations,	9.00	
1862.			
July.	Arrears, taxes of Hopkinton and Manchester Associations,	10.50	
June 8.	Assessment of Merrimack Conference, in part,	9.00	
Aug.	Assessments of six Conferences, in full,	75.50	
			$127.22
1861.		*Dr.*	
Nov. 1.	Freight, wrapping and postage of Minutes,	$7.60	
Dec. 19.	Express archives from Laconia,	.63	
1862.			
June 21.	McFarland & Jenks' bill, printing 600 copies Minutes,	80.00	
Sept. 12.	Postages and stationery of Secretary and Treasurer to this date,	3.97	
Sept. 12.	Balance in Treasury,	35.02	
			$127.22

A balance of assessment, five dollars and a half ($5.50), is due from Merrimack Conference. Nothing has been paid by the ministers or churches in Grafton County to meet the expenses of the General Association during the year now closed. Assessments for 1853 will be found in the table of Conferences.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Amherst, Sept. 12, 1862.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Rev. J. G. Davis, Treasurer of the New-Hampshire General Association, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, Sept. 12, 1862.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was held at the office of the Secretary, James Moulton, Jr., June 4, 1862.

The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted.

Elected Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson a Trustee in place of Rev. John M. Putnam, removed from the State.

Elected Joseph B. Walker, Esq., a Trustee in place of Rev. J. G. Davis, declined.

Elected Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, President.
" JAMES MOULTON, Jr., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.
" Rev. NATH'L BOUTON, JAMES MOULTON, Jr., SHADRACH SEAVEY, } Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, June 4, 1862,

Voted, That the sum of twenty-five dollars each, be appropriated and paid the following persons, for the current year, from the funds of the Corporation: viz.,

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; (*Mrs. F. P. M. Stearns—not taken*;) Mrs. S. B. M. Hutchinson, and Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, North Wolfborough.

JAMES MOULTON, JR., *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: viz., one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrines contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding

meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to this 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor and make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing

the narrative of the state of religion, and addresses and statements on the same subject. After which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and followed by the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union, and such other societies as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. The Association shall give place for two hours, if necessary, to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Bible Society.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: viz., Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the

Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported b committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then u the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any me ber may have it divided, and a question taken on each p

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, a the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the sessi is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall a one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain f ternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of c organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegat Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we a in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected fr the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chos substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connecti shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to t respective bodies, if they shall not previously have tak their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficie testimonials of the appointment of delegates to correspondi bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written co munication to the corresponding body for which he was a pointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and ot necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences u ing in this organization, according to the number and rela strength of the churches belonging to each.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, exc the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a re lar meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Asso tion and Conferences are represented, by a majority of members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,.....	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Campton,.....	1774	J. B. Hadley.....	Sept. 20, 1838	Oct. 13, 1858	29	49	78	22	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	0	4	160
Center-Harbor,.....	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson.....	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	21	35	56	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	60
Danbury,*.....	1800	Vacant.	.....	.....	35	44	79	10	2	4	6	3	3	0	6	0	0	85
Gilmanton Center,.	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake.....	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1862	44	67	111	25	2	0	2	6	1	0	7	0	0	75
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant.....	March 29, 1833	S. S.	14	16	30	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Hebron, }	1779				11	28	39	3	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	3	100
Laconia,.....	July 6, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	52	124	176	35	8	3	11	4	2	0	6	5	1	156
Meredith,.....	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham..	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	18	44	62	6	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	75
Plymouth,.....	1765	Vacant.	.....	.....	33	104	137	32	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	2	130
Sanbornton,.....	1771	J. Boutwell.....	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	45	90	135	15	3	0	3	4	4	0	8	1	2	150
Sandwich,.....	Aug., 1814	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	29	39	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Thornton,.....		Vacant.	.....	.....	7	8	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 1.	322	643	965	187	30	13	43	29	12	0	41	7	17	1,075

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, ordained Nov. 13, 1806; John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; William R. Jewett, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 18, 1837.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Plymouth, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'sm		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson, Cong....	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page.....	Sept. 1835	S. S.	26	58	84	20	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	1	110
Auburn, Cong.....	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes.....	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	25	44	69	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Bedford, Pres.....	1750	Thomas Savage....	1822	1826	50	100	150	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	5	175
Candia, Cong.....	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	86	141	227	34	2	6	3	3	1	0	4	1	0	200
Chester, Cong.....	Oct. 21, 1731	Vacant.	.....	.....	56	129	185	30	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	2	180
Deerfield, Cong.....	1766	U. W. Condit.....	1850	1855	45	74	119	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.....	1749	Leonard S. Parker.	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	68	131	199	47	2	5	7	3	5	0	8	1	2	205
Derry, 1st *Cong. Ch.*	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons.....	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	31	101	132	11	2	9	11	4	3	0	7	1	0	140
Dunbarton, Cong...	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	41	72	113	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	173
Goffstown, ...	1801	J. W. Ray.....	Jan. 1858	S. S. 1857	42	93	135	36	3	3	6	3	0	0	3	1	2	253
Hampstead, Cong..	June 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt..	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	21	63	84	8	2	3	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	120
Hooksett, Cong....	1828	M. Leffingwell.....	July 7, 1844	S. S. 1860	11	30	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Hudson, Cong.....	Sept. 9, 1841	.....	Licentiate.	.....	10	36	46	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	37
Litchfield, Pres.....	Reorg. 1844	E. Newhall.....	Jan. 1824	Sept. 1854	4	14	18	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	20
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House....	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	64	122	986	35	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	1	175
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace.....	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	111	294	405	93	7	14	21	3	9	0	12	6	1	*491
Franklin St. Ch..	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn.....	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	60	101	161	70	12	11	23	4	5	2	11	10	0	350
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	11	31	42	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presbyterian Ch..	Nov. 9, 1859	Geo. A. Bowman..	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S. 1859	5	16	21	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch..	1771	E. J. Hart.....	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	54	102	156	26	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	3	202
Pelham, 1st Ch.....	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry....	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	60	84	16	2	2	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	....
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows....	June 1, 1836	S. S. 1859	25	59	84	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	80
Salem, Cong.....	1740	J. W. Tarlton.....	1851	S. S.	20	50	70	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Windham, Pres....	1742	Loren Thayer.....	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	40	76	116	13	1	0	1	8	0	0	8	0	6	200
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			930	1997	2927	552	38	55	93	60	33	2	95	27	27	3546

Without Charge. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained Feb. 7, 1816. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Agent N. H. Bible Society.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	E. D. Eldredge	April 4, 1838	Jan. 24, 1861	9	28	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	147
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S. S. Feb. 1, '56	25	69	94	13	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	188
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1845	S. S. May 22, '48	21	66	87	3	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	175
Moultonboro', 1st	March 12, 1777	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	21	29	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Moultonboro', 2d	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.	Declined	reporting.	..	..	..	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	27	44	71	18	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	70
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddel	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	54	97	151	26	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	175
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	9	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts	.....	S. S. Apr. 1, '61	11	29	40	12	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	75
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	19	41	60	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70
Wolfboro' North		Vacant.	.....	.....	6	15	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 2. S. S., 5.			190	489	679	93	9	12	21	9	2	1	12	4	3	975

JOHN WOOD, Wolfborough, *Scribe.* SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Tamworth, *Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	69	148	217	22	3	1	4	8	4	0	12	1	3	180
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	27	39	66	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	145
Hollis,	Before 1743	P. B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	80	145	225	21	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	1	265
Mason,	Nov. 13, 1772	D. Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	47	63	110	22	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	140
Mason 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	G. E. Fisher	Feb. 27, 1850	June 22, 1859	39	86	125	41	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	0	1	101
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			11	24	35	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	76	102	278	48	5	8	13	2	6	0	8	3	2	415
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	C. J. Hill	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	95	353	448	102	3	5	8	5	2	0	7	2	6	654
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D. D.†	Nov. 7, 1857	April 6, 1836	105	329	434	190	0	0	0	8	4	0	12	0	0	285
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	B. F. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	50	139	189	34	0	3	3	3	4	0	7	0	1	235
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler	March 12, 1862	March 12, 1862	86	165	251	25	0	0	0	6	2	1	9	0	0	185
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	G. E. Sanborne	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	38	95	133	29	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	180
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham	Nov 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	82	126	208	9	2	3	5	4	4	0	8	2	12	291
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	G. Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	39	71	100	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	140
Wilton, 2d Ch.	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	45	85	130	23	2	3	5	2	.2	0	4	0	1	165
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 1.	Pastors, 15.		879	2070	2949	603	17	30	47	52	33	1	86	8	31	3446

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; William Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, ordained Oct. 26, 1842, Barre, Mass.

† Colleague, Gustavus D. Pike, ordained and installed April 23, 1862.

LICENTIATES. M. H. Stearns, Edward E. Herrick.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe*. CHARLES J. HILL, Nashua, *Statistical Scribe*.

* This Association was organized May 5, 1762. The Hundredth Anniversary was commemorated by appropriate public services, at Hollis, on the 6th of May: the discourse and memorials of deceased members, prepared for the occasion, have been published.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	A. Smith	July 9, 1850	June 15, 1853	57	99	156	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	125
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	13	30	43	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	29	58	87	5	10	2	12	2	2	0	4	9	1	100
Canterbury,	About 1760	H. Moody	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	40	50	90	21	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	2	75
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	62	173	235	36	2	3	5	5	4	0	9	1	1	180
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	31	70	101	22	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	2	*132
Concord, South	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	105	212	317	44	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	430
Concord, West	April 22, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June 1828	April 23, 1833	63	127	190	31	0	3	3	2	6	0	8	0	0	160
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	A. W. Fiske	May 8, 1833	May 20, 1857	28	63	91	7	1	4	5	5	0	0	5	1	0	179
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	42	95	137	41	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	*210
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	47	119	166	37	0	4	4	1	5	0	6	0	2	*300
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	16	23	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	60
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. B. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	74	104	178	25	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	110
Northfield & S. Br.	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	54	131	185	40	32	4	36	2	1	0	3	21	3	180
Pembroke,	March 12, 1808	Lewis Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	41	92	133	27	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	2	198
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	H. Merrill	May 7, 1845	March 17, 1858	23	52	75	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	D. Warren	Dec. 7, 1825	Oct. 21, 1857	25	68	88	7	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	72
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	63	90	153	29	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	5	193
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	J. L. Arms	June 25, 1846	Nov. 10, 1859	18	31	49	7	3	0	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	78
Total, 20.		Vacant Churches, 3.	Pastors, 15.	S. S., 2.	825	1682	2507	486	55	22	77	42	35	1	78	35	20	2862

WITHOUT CHARGE. William Patrick, Boscawen, ordained Oct. 26, 1803; Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained Sept. 26, 1804; Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained (when?).

LICENTIATES. Levi Little, Webster, October 19, 1858; Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, October 19, 1858; Samuel H. Amsden, Hill, May 14, 1861.

E. O. JAMESON, Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* Including Branch Schools

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	1802	D. McClenning	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	9	21	30	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	Vacant.			17	32	49	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	85
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Geo. W. Stinson		S. S.,	9	24	33	6	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
Franconia,	1814	D. McClenning	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	6	13	19	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	120
Gorham,	March 18, 1862	Geo. F. Tewksbury		S. S.,	7	21	28	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	65
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	91	130	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	125
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
W. Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Jos. B. Hill	Aug. 1830	S. S.,	14	24	38	11	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	55
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			101	231	332	38	7	8	15	9	2	0	11	8	3	652

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer	May 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	18	33	51	24	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	56
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	4	14	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	40
Alstead, New	1788	William Claggett	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S., 1861	31	57	88	21	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1	80
Chesterfield,	1777	Jeffries Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	8	33	41	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Dublin,	1827	Oscar Bissell	May 14, 1856	S. S., 1861	8	23	31	14	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	40
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	107	157	11	8	5	13	4	1	0	5	2	5	225
Gilsum,	1772	Ezra Adams	April 28, 1840	March 19, 1851	15	27	42	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	1	90
Harrisville,	1840	Vacant.			13	30	43	20	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	152
Hinsdale,	1821	Moses H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	43	78	121	11	4	3	7	1	1	0	2	2	4	100
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	31	83	114	30	6	1	7	3	2	0	5	0	3	150
Jaffrey, East	1850	F. D. Austin	June 23, 1853	S. S., 1857	19	49	68	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	96
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, D. D. J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	July 1. 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	71	252	323	11	15	2	17	4	7	0	11	3	4	455
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	25	71	96	25	2	3	5	3	2	0	5	1	2	150
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	32	56	88	26	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	175
Roxbury,	1816	Vacant.			5	12	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Stoddard,	1787	Samuel L. Gerould	Oct. 2, 1861	Oct. 2, 1861	7	33	40	6	4	3	7	1	7	2	10	3	1	72
Sullivan,	1792	Nelson Barbour	Dec. 1836	S. S., 1861	29	46	75	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	2	125
Swanzey,	1741	John G. Wilson	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	21	47	68	10	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	145
Surry,	1769	Vacant.			3	11	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Troy,	1815	Vacant.			21	38	59	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	50
Walpole,	1761	John M. Stow	Jan. 31, 1855	Jan. 31, 1855	18	73	91	7	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	148
Westmoreland,	1764	K. B. Glidden	June 1860	S. S., 1860	30	70	100	18	16	3	19	1	1	0	2	11	2	90
" Evan.	1853	Vacant.			6	15	21	6	8	0	8	1	1	0	2	0	0	30
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	62	110	172	40	3	3	6	2	2	0	4	3	0	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 10. S. S., 10.			570	1368	1938	330	69	33	102	40	35	5	80	28	28	2865

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. JOHN M. STOW, Walpole, *Statistical Scribe*.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	Wm. R. Joslyn	Lic.		31	96	127	36	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	150
Canaan,	1803	Moses Gerould	May 1828	S. S.,	7	23	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Dorchester,	May 20, 1828	Vacant.			7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson	Oct. 16, 1858	Oct. 16, 1858	58	132	190	39	5	3	8	3	1	0	4	2	1	178
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith		S. S.,	32	68	100	26	1	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Lyme, Cong. & Pres.	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	125	223	348	34	0	4	4	8	7	0	15	0	3	212
Littleton	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	92	126	16	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	190
Orford, West	April 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.,	27	48	69	15	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	0	0	150
Orford, Union	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant.			21	57	78	23	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	61
Piermont,	March 10, 1803	A. L. Marden	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	53	86	139	18	7	1	8	0	1	0	1	4	0	128
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	J. W. Pickett	Jan. 1862	S. S.,	17	53	70	8	18	7	25	1	0	0	0	11	0	300
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 4. S. S., 5.			406	891	1297	219	34	19	53	20	14	0	34	20	4	1509

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained October 27, 1853.

LICENTIATE. William R. Joslyn, Bath.

JOHN D. EMERSON, Haverhill, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S. Sept. 1859	15	37	52	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	120
Brentwood,	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	20	48	68	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Dover, 1st Ch.	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson,	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	54	196	250	35	1	0	1	4	9	3	16	1	0	281
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	James B. Thornton	June 4, 1851	S. S. Dec. 1861	14	50	64	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	109
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	51	63	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	135
Exeter, 1st Ch.	1638; R. 1698	Elias Nason,	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	45	125	170	35	0	0	0	3	3	2	8	0	0	187
Exeter, 2d Ch.	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	36	107	143	5	0	4	4	1	4	0	5	0	0	273
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.Ju.6, 1851	15	22	37	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	113
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	9	31	40	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	6	102
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	45	127	172	17	3	23	26	0	5	0	5	1	2	300
Greenland,	July 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Hampton,	1638	John Colby,	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	66	137	203	24	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	137
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	13	25	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	19	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	11	37	48	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	100
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	182
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	George D. Blodgett,	May 8, 1862	April 25, 1861	24	42	66	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	Vacant.	.....	.....	64	101	165	26	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	197
Portsmouth,	1671	William L. Gage,	Oct. 17, 1860	Oct. 17, 1860	75	227	302	55	1	1	2	7	3	0	10	0	4	225
Raymond,	1791	George W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	68	91	159	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	135
Rochester,	1737	James M. Palmer,	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	22	99	121	0	3	1	4	3	2	0	3	2	1	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	27	75	102	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	16	66	82	51	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	50
South-Newmarket,	1730	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	17	27	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles,	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	15	36	51	8	9	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	80
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 16. S. S., 4.			701	1835	2536	345	23	34	57	38	32	5	75	7	19	3286

Sabbath Schools in Fremont, Newington and Lee, 206. Total, 3492

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840,—preaches in Fremont; Sabbath School, 58. John LeBosquet, ordained Sept. 21, 1836,—preaches at Newington; Sabbath School, 68.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore,—preaches at Lee; Sabbath School, 80.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	March 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	64	105	169	23	0	4	4	4	1	0	5	0	1	150
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	S. G. Tenney,		S. S.,	6	30	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Claremont,	1780	Rob't F. Lawrence,	Jan. 29, 1831	Jan. 16, 1839	66	145	211	50	3	2	5	5	4	0	9	0	3	155
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spalding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	17	30	47	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	76
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	18	28	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dartmouth College	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	137	247	122	9	7	16	5	8	0	13	6	3	85
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			13	23	36	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	30
Enfield	May 30, 1826	J. M. Lord,	1851	S. S.,	11	19	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	7	32	39	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0*	55
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	48	102	150	4	0	10	10	2	2	0	4	0	0	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1781	Augustus Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S.Ap'l28,'61	35	56	91	23	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			12	17	29	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	68	109	40	4	1	5	1	3	0	4	0	1	112
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	85	151	236	58	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	200
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			4	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	4	24	28	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	Vacant.			32	45	77	2	1	5	6	2	5	0	7	1	0	120
Total, 17.		Vacant Churches, 5.	Pastors, 7.	S. S., 5.	565	1016	1581	408	20	30	50	25	30	0	58	10	10	1406

WITHOUT CHARGE. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; John N. Putnam, Prof., Hanover, ordained Oct. 6, 1852; David Kimball, Printer, Hanover, ordained June 22, 1822; Elihu T. Rowe, Teacher, Meriden, ordained (when?); Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Prof., Hanover, ordained Oct. 6, 1852; Charles Aiken, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); William A. Packard, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); Henry Fairbanks, Prof., Hanover, ordained (when?); Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained, Dec. 27, 1820; Rufus Case, Derry Depot, ordained May 5, 1842.

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; A. C. Field, South Acworth.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,.....	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,...	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1, '60	53	76	129	59	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	150
Chichester,.....	1791	Joshua S. Gay,....	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S.Aug.1, '57	37	60	97	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	104
Epsom,.....	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,..	1855	S. S., 1860	33	54	87	10	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	1	1	160
Gilmanton, 1st.....	1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	15	24	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Iron Works,.	Oct. 12, 1830	Vacant.	.....	.....	36	60	96	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Loudon, 1st.....	1789	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S. July 1, '62	21	49	70	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Loudon, 2d.....	Aug. 14, 1828	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S. July 1, '62	12	22	34	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Northwood,.....	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,.....	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	51	89	140	14	8	0	8	4	0	0	4	6	2	160
Nottingham,.....	1840	Jacob Hood,.....	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S., 1858	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70
Pittsfield,.....	Nov. 17, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	58	137	195	39	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	148
Total, 10.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			312	566	878	215	6	1	7	11	5	0	16	9	4	872

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Caswell, S. S., Bennington, ordained June 28, 1848; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; E. H. Blanchard, Warwick, Mass.

JOSHUA S. GAY, Chichester, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.....	1788	J. H. Bates,.....	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	49	104	153	22	4	0	4	5	0	0	5	3	1	140
Bennington,.....	July 10, 1839	E. H. Caswell,.....	June 18, 1848	S. S., 1861	15	44	59	10	2	2	4	0	3	1	4	0	0	85
Deering,.....	Dec. 24, 1789	E. F. Abbott,.....	Aug. 1846	S. S., 1861	10	34	44	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	70
Francestown,.....	1773	Charles Cutler,.....	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	95	179	274	50	0	2	2	11	4	0	15	0	4	391
Greenfield, Cong.,..	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall,..	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S. July, 1860	45	62	107	18	4	1	5	0	5	0	5	2	12	132
Greenfield, Evan.*.	Jan. 7, 1834	Daniel Goodhue,..	May 2. 1848	S.S. Mar., 1860	26	46	72	35	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	115
Hancock,.....	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,....	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	61	91	152	19	1	4	5	5	0	3	8	0	2	230
Hillsboro' Bridge,.	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,....	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	18	55	73	5	2	4	6	3	0	0	3	1	1	125
Hillsboro' Center,.	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,.....	June 1841	S. S., 1861	18	37	55	7	4	0	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	61
Lyndeborough.....	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,.....	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	71	122	15	0	2	2	3	5	0	8	0	1	167
New-Boston, Pres..	1768	E. C. Cogswell,....	Nov. 3. 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	40	102	142	34	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	289
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,....	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	31	67	98	8	2	5	7	4	0	0	4	1	2	200
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 0.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 6.	459	892	1351	225	21	22	43	33	19	7	59	8	35	2005

WITHOUT CHARGE. H. G. Park, Hancock, ordained Dec. 16, 1829; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*The original Church was organized Sept. 7, 1792.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1862.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Tot.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Tot.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	5	13	6	1	3	10	0	322	643	965	187	30	13	43	29	12	0	41	7	17	1075
2. Derry & Man'r,	3	24	15	6	2	23	1	930	1997	2927	552	38	55	93	60	33	2	95	27	27	3546
3. Harmony,	5	12	2	5	0	7	0	190	489	679	93	9	12	21	9	2	1	12	4	3	975
4. Hollis,	1	15	15	0	5	20	2	879	2070	2949	603	17	30	47	52	33	1	86	8	31	3446
5. Hopkinton,	3	20	15	2	6	23	3	825	1682	2507	486	55	22	77	42	35	1	78	35	21	2862
6. Lancaster,	2	8	1	5	0	6	0	101	231	332	38	7	8	15	9	2	0	11	8	3	652
7. Monadnock,	5	24	10	10	2	22	0	570	1368	1938	330	69	33	102	40	35	5	80	28	28	2865
8. Orange,	1	11	4	5	2	11	1	406	891	1297	219	34	19	53	20	14	0	34	20	4	1509
9. Piscataqua,	5	25	16	4	3	23	1	701	1835	2536	345	23	34	57	38	32	5	75	7	19	3492
10. Sullivan,	5	17	7	5	10	22	2	565	1016	1581	408	20	30	50	25	33	0	58	8	10	1406
11. Suncook,	3	10	1	5	5	11	0	312	566	878	215	6	1	7	11	5	0	16	9	4	872
12. Union,	0	12	6	6	2	14	0	459	892	1351	225	21	22	43	33	19	7	59	8	35	2005
Total, 12.	38	191	98	54	40	192	10	6260	13680	19940	*3701	329	279	608	368	235	22	645	169	202	24705

* Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in *males* and *females*.

CONFERENCES.

Name.	No. of Churches.	Place and Time of Meeting.	Assessments.	Officers.		Charities.	Local Expenditures.
				Clerks.	Treasurers.		
CHESHIRE.	Twenty-five churches.	Fitzwilliam on the second Wednesday of June, 1863.	$12.00	Rev. Ezra Adams, Gilsum.	Dea. Asa Duren, Keene.	Legacies, $1,575.00 Cont'b'ns, 3,370,00 $4,945.00	Repairs of houses of worship. Stoddard, 275 Hinsdale, 2,000 Winchester, 500
GRAFTON.	Twenty-two churches.	Not organized.	10.00			Not rept'd, 1,200.00 $6,145.00	
HILLSBOROUGH.	Thirty-four churches.	Goffstown on the second Tuesday of June, 1863.	22.00	Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis.	* E. S. Russell, Esq. Nashua.	Legacies, $8,625.28 Cont'b'ns, 7,350.08 $15,975.36	
LANCASTER.	Seven churches which unite with churches in Essex Co., Vt.		2.00	Rev. J. B. Hill, W. Stewartstown.			
MERRIMACK.	Twenty-four churches.		16.00		Geo. Hutchins, Esq. Concord.	Not reported.	
ROCKINGHAM.	Thirty-one churches.	Northwood, second Tuesday of June, 1863.	18.00	Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping.	Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter.	$1,662.22, chiefly for Foreign Missions.	Meeting-house erected in Hampstead — total cost $4,800.
STRAFFORD.	Twenty-eight church's	Dover, 1st church, third Tuesday of June, 1863.	13.00	Rev. R. M. Sargent, Farmington.	Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover.	$1,655.57	Meeting-house in Milton, cost $4,400. Parsonage in Farmington cost $2,000.
SULLIVAN.	Thirteen churches.	Washington, fourth Wednesday of June.	7.00	Rev. R. F. Lawrence, Claremont.	N. W. Goddard, Esq. Claremont.	$305.89, many congregations not reported.	

* Dea. J. A. Wheat, of Nashua, resigned in June, having held the office of Treasurer twenty-one years. The presentation of his annual reports, which were uniformly full and perspicuous, was an interesting feature of the Conference, affording a healthful and steady encouragement to the cause of christian benevolence.

REMARKS.

Returns have been received from all the churches connected with the General Association. The reports of seven Associations embraced returns from all the churches within their limits, properly arranged and nearly complete for the press. In the remaining reports, omissions in names and dates, and defects in arrangement, have been supplied by the Secretary, and returns obtained from *nine* delinquent churches. Some of these returns were secured after vexatious delays, and only by repeated applications. No alterations have been made in the arrangement of the statistical tables. Blanks indicate ignorance or neglect.

ASSOCIATIONS. Since the 1st of July a new association, called the White River Association, has been organized, consisting of ministers and pastors of churches in the vicinity of Dartmouth College.

CHURCHES. A new church of twenty-five members has been organized (March 18) at Gorham. The second church in Great Falls has been disbanded. The whole number is 191, the same as last year.

MEMBERS. The whole number of members reported is 19,940, or 260 less than last year. Additions—by profession, 329; by letter, 279; total, 608. Removals—by death, 368; by dismission, 235; by exclusion, 22; total, 645. By comparing the additions and removals, the decrease in the number of members is 37, while a comparison of the total membership this year, and the total of last, is 260. This discrepancy is less than in some former reports, but is owing to the same cause—the neglect to insert the members, who are dropped from the catalogue of the church, under the head of *excluded*. There is a culpable carelessness manifest in many of the Associations in the mode of making returns. The statistics of one year conflicting with the returns of the preceding year, without any cause assigned. The attention of the Statistical Scribes is particularly requested to the correction of this evil. When the report of a church differs from the printed return of the preceding year, the reason should be evident from the figures, which are inserted in filling the blank. Let it be understood that imperfect and inaccurate reports will not be accepted, and this source of perplexity and error will be removed.

DEATHS. 1861, October 15, Rev. Clement Long, D. D., at Hanover, aged 54; October 18, Rev. William Page, at Atkinson, aged 53; December 23, Rev. Henry M. Bridge, at Colebrook, aged 38; December 27, Rev. Luther B. Whittemore, at Orfordville, aged 37. 1862, February 9, Rev. Luther Townsend, at Fitzwilliam, aged 48; February 16, Rev. Leonard Jewett, at Hollis, aged 74; April 10, Rev. E. H. Barstow, at Haverhill, aged 45; May 9, Rev. Winthrop Fifield, at South-Newmarket, aged 56. In July, Rev. Albert Perry, of Stoughton, Ms., at New-Ipswich.

DISMISSIONS AND REMOVALS. 1861, October 1, Rev. H. E. Richardson left Goshen for Gilead, Me; October 9, Rev. John M. Putnam, dismissed from Dunbarton; 1862, February, Rev. D. B. Bradford left Great Falls; March 4, Rev. Andrew Rankin, dismissed from Danbury; March 12, Rev. Rufus Case, dismissed from West Lebanon; April 8, Rev. John Dinsmore, dismissed from Northampton; April 21, Rev. H. O. Howland, dismissed from Chester; July 10, Rev. William R. Jewett, dismissed from Plymouth; July, Rev. E. Newhall resigned his charge at Litchfield.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS. 1861, October 2, Samuel L. Gerould, ordained pastor of the Congregational church, in Stoddard; October 9, Sylvanus Hayward, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Dunbarton; October 30, Augustus Berry, ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Pelham; November 7, B. F. Parsons, installed pastor of Pearl Street Church, Nashua; December 31, at Rindge, Samuel G. Brown, ordained an Evangelist; 1862, January 2, Bristol, Charles F. Abbott and Joseph W. Pickett were ordained Evangelists; March 12, Calvin Cutler was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in New-Ipswich; April 2, Rev. George E. Sanborn, installed pastor of the Congregational church in Mont-Vernon.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. Eight Associations report an increase in the number of scholars attending their schools. Four Associations report a smaller attendance than last year. The net gain is 765. This encouraging result is owing very much to the self-denying labors of those churches which have established Mission Schools.

CATALOGUE. The Catalogue gives the names and post-office address of all ministers connected with the Association. The list is not complete, but as full as the materials within my reach admit. Names of licentiates are given in the statistical tables with post-office address, if known.

CONFERENCES. The tabular statement is not as complete as I expected to make it. The Statistical Scribe of Monadnock Association furnished all the particulars printed respecting Cheshire Conference. The facts set forth in the table respecting other conferences have been secured by personal application, and with only partial success. It is evident that a concise statement should be furnished by each conference of its religious state and outward prosperity. Such a statement should give the time and place

of the next annual meeting, names of officers, amount of religious appropriations, local and general, with a sketch of the preceding meeting, subject of the opening sermon, leading topics of prayer and discussion; to which might be appended notices of deceased laymen, incidents connected with revivals, sabbath school efforts, improvements in houses of worship, parsonages, and any other matters respecting the work of home evangelization. The dissemination of this information would impart more accurate views of the moral and religious prospects of our population, aid in plans for promoting temperance and piety, and bring our churches into more perfect sympathy in their endeavors to build up the Redeemer's kingdom.

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Scribe.*

Amherst, Sept. 30, 1862.

A copy of the resolutions on the State of the Country, adopted by the Association, was sent to the President of the United States, as directed (Minutes, page 12). The reception of the same by him is acknowledged in the following letter:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington,
September 8, 1862.

My Dear Sir:—The President directs me to acknowledge the receipt, from you, of a copy of the resolutions recently adopted by the General Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers and Churches, at the session in Concord, August 28, 1862.

I am very respectfully your ob't serv't,

JOHN HAY.

Rev. J. G. DAVIS, Amherst, N. H.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., Deering. 12.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 10.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Arms Josiah L., Wilmot. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barbour N., Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 3.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Berry Augustus, Pelham. 2.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Blodgett George D., Newmarket. 9.
Bodwell Abraham, Sanbornton. 1.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester, 2.
Bradford Dana B., Dover. 9.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Burt Edmund, Goshen. 10.
Butterfield H. O., Great Falls. 9.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr William O., Barnstead Parade. 11.
Case Rufus, Derry Depot. 10.
Caswell Enoch H., Bennington. 12.
Chandler A., Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, Exeter. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Bridgewater. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Deerfield. 2.
Cook E. B., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5
Cutler Calvin, New-Ipswich. 4.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Nelson. 7
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Alton. 3.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 10.
Fay, Henry C., Northwood. 11.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn William H., Manchester. 2.
Fisher George E., Mason Village. 4.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gage William L., Portsmouth. 9.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Glidden, K. B., Westmoreland. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Hamilton J. A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., West Stewartstown. 6.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Loudon Village. 11,
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Howland Harrison O., Chester. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett William R., Plymouth. 1.
Jones Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall Henry A., Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 10.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 3.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence John, Salem. 2.

Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LaBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 10.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lord J. M., Enfield. 10.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood, 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Miles Edward C., Stratham. 9.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Mason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Newhall Ebenezer, Pres., Litchfield. 2.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 10.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Packard William A., Hanover. 10.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Hancock. 12.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Patrick William, Boscawen. 5.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pickett Joseph W., Wentworth. 8.
Pike Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt T. C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 10.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Rankin Andrew, Danbury. 5.
Rawson Alanson, Harrisville. 7.
Ray John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Riddel Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Ambrose, Boscawen. 5.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stinson George W., Dalton. 6.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stow John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney Erdix, Lyme. 8.
Tenney S. G., Springfield, Vt. 10.
Tewksbury George F., Goshen. 6.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 2.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton James B., Dover. 9.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tufts J. B., Wakefield. 3.
Utley Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Warren Daniel, Warner. 5.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coös,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
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‡Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

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NOTICES FOR 1864.

Annual meeting at Manchester, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by the Orange Association.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Address to the Churches, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., of Lyme, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, of Durham.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions for meeting of 1864, according to the Constitution, article 7, section 4, Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, of Tamworth, Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, and Dea. William P. Hidden, of Tamworth.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. S. P. Leeds; substitute, Rev. Elias Nason.

For Conference assessments, see remarks on Conferences, p. 37.

Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire assembled at the Congregational church in Haverhill, on Tuesday, August 25, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened* with a sermon by Rev. E. W. Cook, of Hopkinton, from 1st Peter, 2: 10—the minister appointed for that purpose, and his substitute, both failing to be present.

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair. The credentials of delegates were presented, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—John H. Thyng, John K. Young, D. D.
Derry and Manchester—Marvin Leffingwell, L. S. Parker, Jesse Page.
Harmony—Samuel H. Riddell.
Hollis—P. B. Day, William Clark.
Hopkinton—Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Asa P. Tenney.
Lancaster—Prescott Fay.
Monadnock—Jairus Ordway, Alanson Rawson, J. A. Hamilton.
Orange—Charles E. Milliken.
Piscataqua—H. Q. Butterfield, Alvan Tobey.
Sullivan—Amos Foster, Charles A. Downs.
Union—Charles Cutler.
White River—Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. Jonathan D. Ware, of Swanzey; Hon. Milan Harris, of Harrisville.

Grafton—Dea. G. S. Dean, of Wentworth; Dea. William G. Brown, of Campton.

Hillsborough—Dea. Daniel Mack, of Manchester; Bro. William D. Locke, of New-Ipswich; Dea. Aaron Lawrence, of Amherst.

Merrimack—T. O. Wilson, Esq., of Fisherville; Dea. Daniel H. Parker, of Dunbarton; Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., of Concord.

Rockingham—Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth; Dea. Joseph Winslow, of Epping.

Strafford—Dea. Benjamin Jewett, of Gilford; Bro. O. D. Morse, of Somersworth.

*Prayer-meetings of an interesting character were held on Monday evening, at 7½ o'clock, and on Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

New-Hampshire Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting—Rev. P. S. Burbank, of Danville.

Congregational Conference of Ohio—Rev. George Darling, of Hudson, Ohio.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (N. S.)—Rev. Lewis H. Reid, of Syracuse, N. Y.

New-Hampshire Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. Joseph Fawcett, of Bath.

General Association of Iowa—Rev. John C. Holbrook, D. D., of Dubuque, Iowa.

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Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Secretary, of Amherst; Rev. John D. Emerson, pastor of place of meeting.

The Secretary reported the names of members. The Association was organized by the election of Prof. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., of Dartmouth College, Moderator; Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth, Scribe; Rev. Charles Cutler, of Francestown, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Alvan Tobey and Hon. Milan Harris, with Rev. John D. Emerson, were chosen a Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned, with singing, to 1½ o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Proceeded with the choice of the following committees: namely,

On Nominations—Rev. J. W. Ray, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Bro. O. D. Morse.

On Narratives, 1864—Rev. Edward Robie, Rev. Alvan Tobey.

Of Inquiry—Rev. Samuel H. Riddell, Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Dea. William P. Hidden, of Tamworth.

Voted, That all clergymen and lay members of our churches present be invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

2 *o'clock*. Public services opened with prayer by Rev. Samuel H. Riddell.

The Committee on Narratives failing to be prepared with a condensed narrative to be read, it was recommended by the Committee of Arrangements, and approved by the Association, that the narratives, so far as furnished by the several Conferences, be read, to which the first delegate of the Associations not already reported, be invited to add information relative to the state of their respective churches.

Reports on the state of religion were then read by Rev. A. Tobey, from Suncook Association; Rev. J. Ordway, Monadnock Association; Rev. P. Fay, Lancaster Association; Rev. P. B. Day, Hillsborough County Conference.

Sung the 101st hymn, L. M.

Reports were then made from Belknap Association, by Rev. Dr. Young, of Laconia, and Rev. Mr. Thyng; Harmony Association, Rev. S. H. Riddell, of Tamworth; Hopkinton Association, Rev. A. P. Tenney, of West Concord; Orange Association, Rev. C. E. Milliken, of Littleton; Piscataqua Association, Rev. A. Tobey, of Durham; Sullivan Association, Rev. A. Foster, of Acworth; Derry and Manchester Association, Rev. J. Page, of Atkinson; White River, Prof. Brown, of Dartmouth College

Voted, That a committee of one be nominated by the Committee of Nominations, to condense from these statements and reports a brief narrative, to be published in the Minutes.

Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry, was appointed.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary:

From the Congregational Union of Canada, the General Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine, the Oregon General Association.

Voted, That the Committee of Nominations be instructed to nominate a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country.

Revs. P. B. Day and J. K. Young, D. D., and Bro. O. D. Morse, were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a resolution from the Hollis Association, urging the desirableness of a State religious periodical, with a recommendation that a committee be appointed to consider the subject, and report at some future session of this Conference.

After discussion from Rev. J. W. Ray, Dr. B. P. Stone, Revs. R. F. Lawrence (late of Claremont), J. G. Davis, L. S. Parker, and Dea. Ware,

Voted, That further discussion of the subject be postponed to Wednesday, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Adjourned to that hour.

Tuesday Evening. Religious services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Lawrence. Prayer by Rev. L. S. Parker. Addresses by Rev. S. W. Hanks, of the Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. J. H. Hamilton, late chaplain in the United States Army; Rev. E. W. Cook, of Hopkinton; Rev. J. W. Alvord, of the American Tract Society; Rev. C. A. Downs, of Lebanon; Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester, and Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ray.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.*

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called, and minutes of Tuesday read by the Scribe.

The discussion in regard to a State religious paper was continued by Rev. Messrs. Ray, Tobey, Stone, Tenney, Page, Davis, Downs, Parker,

* Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock, conducted by Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

and Bros. Harris, Mack, Parker, Locke, Stevens, and Webster. It also appeared that several County Conferences and Associations had passed resolutions on the subject.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed as recommended, to consider the subject, and report.

Revs. Dr. Stone, J. Page, C. A. Downs, and Bros. Locke and Parker were appointed.

Sung the 98th Hymn.

A report from Rev. E. N. Hidden, delegate to the Maine Conference, and a letter from Rev. George P. Tyler, delegate from the Vermont Convention of Congregational Churches, were presented and read.

Delegates from other religious bodies in correspondence with this, were then heard, as follows:

Rev. George Darling, from the Congregational Conference of Ohio.

Rev. P. S. Burbank, from the N. H. F. W. Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

At 11 o'clock adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

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11 *o'clock.* Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Society.

Rev. C. J. Hill, the Secretary, presided, and made an extended address; after which, remarks were offered by Rev. Messrs. Alvord and Hanks, Bro. O. D. Morse, and Rev. Messrs. Emerson and Day.

Singing by the children.

WEDNESDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

A verbal report from the Treasurer was presented.

Voted, That the report, so far as made, be accepted; that 600 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that one hundred dollars ($100) be raised by assessments from the Conferences.

The Committee on a State religious paper made the following report:

WHEREAS, the several County Conferences of the State have sent up to this body resolutions on the subject of a local religious paper, in which they express a strong conviction of its importance as a medium of intercommunication for our churches, and request that some action be taken at this time in reference to the establishment of such a paper, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the establishment of a well conducted weekly religious paper within our limits is, in our opinion, essential to the great interests of religion and morality in our State, and that *we*, the members of this Association, pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to establish and sustain such a paper, and we earnestly ask the co-operation of all our ministers and churches in the same enterprise.

Resolved, That as we have not time to devise and mature a plan for the establishment of a paper, we recommend that a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred the whole matter of procuring terms of publication from printers in Concord, Manchester, or other places, and of making such arrangements for editorial labor, and for all other purposes, as they shall judge necessary and practical, and that they make a report of their doings to the next General Association.

Voted, That this report be laid on the table.

At 2 o'clock the Association gave place to the New-Hampshire Education Society; Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., of Hanover, President, in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Amos Foster.

Sung 498th Hymn.

Sermon by Rev. Samuel G. Brown, D. D., from 2 Timothy ii.: 2.

3¼ *o'clock.* The New-Hampshire Bible Society was allowed place for three quarters of an hour.

Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Willey, the Secretary.

A statement of the financial condition of the Society was presented by Rev. Dr. Stone, the Treasurer.

Addresses were then made by Hon. J. E. Sargent, of Wentworth, and Rev. C. W. Wallace, of Manchester.

4½ *o'clock.* *Voted*, That gentlemen present, as agents of the various religious institutions in which we are interested, have now eight minutes each, for that purpose.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood spoke in behalf of the American Tract Society, N. Y.; Rev. G. L. Hovey spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. S. H. Merrill spoke in behalf of the United States Christian Commission.

The public services were closed with singing the Doxology in L. M.

The Committee on Nominations reported: 1. Place of meeting for 1864, Manchester. 2. Preacher of the opening sermon to be appointed by the Orange Association. 3. Preacher before the Sacrament of the Supper, Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, primary; Rev. Elias Nason, substitute. 4. Auditor, Rev. William Clark.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:

Primary, Rev. M. Gerould.
Substitute, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

To the General Convention of Vermont:

Primary, Rev. E. H. Richardson.
Substitute, Rev. E. C. Miles.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. J. W. Ray.
Substitute, Rev. P. B. Day.

To the General Conference of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace.
Substitute, Rev. W. Clark.

To the General Consociation of Rhode-Island:

Primary, Rev. A. W. Fiske.
Substitute, Rev. E. Robie.

To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. M. Leffingwell.
Substitute, Rev. J. A. Hamilton.

To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. S. H. Riddell.
Substitute, Rev. A. P. Tenney.

To the Ohio Congregational Conference:
Primary, Rev. S. P. Leeds.
Substitute, Rev. L. S. Parker.

To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. J. D. Emerson.
Substitute, Rev. B. F. Parsons.

To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey.
Substitute, Rev. W. T. Savage.

To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. A. Foster.
Substitute, Rev. J. Ordway.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.):
Primary, Rev. H. G. Park.
Substitute, Rev. Henry E. Parker.

To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. E. B. Claggett.
Substitute, Rev. J. Boutwell.

To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. A. Jaquith.
Substitute, Rev. C. A. Downs.

To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention
Primary, Rev. K. B. Glidden.
Substitute, Rev. C. J. Hill.

To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. S. Haywood.
Substitute, Rev. H. Cummings.

To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis.
Substitute, Rev. J H. Bates.

To the Congregational Association of Oregon
Primary, Rev. Jeffries Hall.
Substitute, Rev. H. C. Fay.

To the Congregational Association of California:
Primary, Rev. A. Spaulding.
Substitute, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D.

To the Congregational Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. R. Kimball.
Substitute, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Country reported the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS civil government is a Divine institution, and it is clearly a Christian duty to uphold it until its oppressions shall justify a revolution; and whereas the benign government under which we live, and have become a great and prosperous nation, has been assailed by a long matured and well-organized treason; we, as a body of Christian ministers and laymen desire, before the country and the world, to renew our assurances of loyalty and heartfelt support. Therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm the resolutions passed by this body at their last annual meeting, and that we renew our pledges to sustain the Federal Goverment in all lawful measures to suppress this rebellion.

Resolved, That while, as representatives of the Church of Christ, we would ignore all partisan motives and alliances, we feel bound to say that the *hand of Providence* in the proclamation of the chief magistrate of our nation, by which the fetters of so many thousands of bondmen have been struck off, is more and more apparent; and that the developments of Providence every month are convincing us more fully of the wisdom and necessity of that measure, as the means of permanently terminating our unhappy struggles.

Resolved, That as, in the workings of Divine Providence, we have suddenly thrown upon us more than half a million of freedmen, with the prospect that this number will be greatly increased, the Christian people of the loyal States are called upon to aid liberally in providing for their physical, moral, and religious wants, and in educating them for the duties of American citizens.

Resolved, That the remarkable business prosperity of our country; our large increase of contributions to benevolent objects, and the prosperous continuance of our religious and educational institutions during these times of great public anxiety and sacrifice; the continuance of non-intervention from foreign countries, and especially the recent victories which have crowned our arms, call for expressions of heartfelt thanksgiving to Him who rules our destinies, and for humble acknowledgments to the Divine hand in them.

Resolved, That we renew our pledges of support and prayerful remembrance to the loyal men of our army and navy, whether chaplains, officers or privates, and do truly sympathize with them in their privations and sufferings, and especially do we tenderly sympathize with those surviving friends whose husbands, brothers, sons or fathers have fallen in their country's service.

Resolved, That in view of the momentous responsibility of the President of the United States and his constitutional advisers, in carrying us through our present warfare, and in settling great questions pertaining to our future prosperity, we bespeak in their behalf the prayers of the Christian people in our land, that they may be divinely guided in all the measures which they shall adopt for the present and future welfare of our country.

Voted, That the preamble and resolutions be read and acted upon *seriatim*.

Which, being done, the preamble, 1st, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th resolutions were adopted, no one dissenting; and the 2d was adopted with one or two dissenting voices.

Rev. Joseph Fawcett presented the salutations of the New-Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Voted, That the question of creating a fund for superannuated and disabled ministers, and also the question, whether such a fund could be properly committed to the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, be referred to a committee of two, to report to the Association.

Rev. Drs. Stone and Young were appointed.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Amos Foster.

An amendment of Art. XI. of the Constitution, by adding, "and the delegates of the County Conferences shall be responsible for the same," was proposed, and laid on the table till to-morrow.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The reports of the Trustees, and of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund were read.

Voted, That they be accepted, and the substance of them be published in the Minutes, under the direction of the scribes.

Voted, That a committee of two be appointed to rearrange the order of proceedings for Wednesday, as set forth in Art. VIII. of the Constitution.

Rev. Messrs. Day and Davis were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements reported a minute in regard to Dartmouth College, which was adopted, as follows: We, members of the General Association, having had our attention directed to Dartmouth College, desire to express our deep sympathy with the College at the present time, our high appreciation of its past and long continued usefulness to the cause of science, literature, religion and patriotism, and our earnest hope of its future enlarged prosperity. We approve the expression of opinion lately published by the Trustees, and pray that God will direct them in the very important duties now devolving on them, to a course that will conduce most effectively to the great and good objects for which the College was established.

The report in regard to a State religious paper was taken up.

Voted, That it be amended by making the proposed committee to consist of "ten" instead of "five."

The report as amended was adopted.

Voted, That a committee of two be appointed to nominate said committee.

Rev. A. Tobey and L. D. Stevens, Esq., were appointed.

Voted, That when we adjourn it be to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, and that the Association now give place to the exercises assigned for the evening.

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8 *o'clock P. M.* Prayer by Rev. Homer Barrows.

Proceeded with the discussion of the questions assigned for the evening.

1st. Ought persons to be licensed to preach the gospel, who do not intend to enter the ministry as a calling?

The discussion was opened by Rev. Jairus Ordway, of the Monadnock Association, and was continued by Rev. Drs. Stone and Rev. Messrs. Riddell, Lawrence, Parker and Davis.

2d. How shall a sense of individual responsibility be awakened in the membership of our churches.

The discussion was opened by Rev. J. A. Hamilton, of Monadnock Association.

Voted, That the further discussion of the question be discontinued, and give place to the presentation of the cause of the United States Christian Commission:

Mr. E. T. Quimby, of New-Ipswich, and Rev. S. H. Merrill, of Portland, Me., then made addresses in behalf of the Commission.

Voted, That the discussion of the third question be indefinitely postponed.

Adjourned, after singing.

THURSDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.*

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Sylvanus Hayward.

The roll was called, and the minutes for Wednesday read by the Scribe.

Leave of absence was granted to Bro. William D. Locke, Rev. S. H. Riddell, and Dea. Daniel Mack.

The committee on creating a fund for disabled ministers made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of raising funds for the relief of indigent and disabled ministers of the Gospel, recommend that a committee of five be appointed, to take the whole subject into consideration, and report some plan to the next General Association.

Which was adopted.

Rev. Drs. Bouton and Stone, Rev. Messrs. Wallace and Willey, and George Hutchins, Esq., were appointed.

The committee to nominate a committee on a State religious paper nominated Rev. J. W. Ray, Dr. Stone, Dea. Daniel H. Parker, Revs. I. Willey, William Clark, C. J. Hill, J. B. Walker, Esq., Rev. W. T. Savage, Hon. Samuel Upton, and L. D. Stevens, Esq., who were chosen.

Rev. P. B. Day in the chair.

Rev. C. W. Wallace read the Pastoral Letter.

Voted, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the amendment proposed to Art. xi. be taken from the table and referred to a committee of three.

Rev. Messrs. Day, Milliken and Riddell were appointed.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following preamble, recommendation and resolution:

WHEREAS the different denominations of professed Christians in many of our towns are unable to maintain their separate institutions of religion, and are living without them, therefore we, the General Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers and Churches, in our associated capacity, advise, where it can be consistently done, that these different denominations unite in the support of an evangelical ministry, and in sustaining Sabbath schools for the young, and for all who can be induced to share in their privileges.

Resolved, That we commend this subject to the consideration of the next meeting of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this State; to the next Baptist General Convention, and to the next Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting, with the hope that those bodies will think favorably of this recommendation, and join in commending it to the favorable regard of the people in our destitute towns.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Amendment to Article XI. reported that the article be amended by adding, "and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed." Which was adopted.

The Committee on Amendment to Article VIII. reported that the same be amended, so that after "institutions" and before "*Wednesday evening*," it shall read, "Commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society, and followed by reports of other benevolent institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct. At half past 2 P. M.,

*Prayer meeting at 6 o'clock A. M., conducted by Rev. Charles Cutler.

the Association will give place to the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of the Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the Sabbath-School Union." Which was adopted.

Voted, That Article V. be amended by inserting the words "by ballot," after the word "chosen."

Elected by ballot Rev. Josiah G. Davis Secretary.

A letter conveying the fraternal salutations of the General Consociation of Rhode-Island, through Rev. C. Blodgett, D. D., was read.

At 10 o'clock A. M. gave place to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

The President and Vice-President being absent, Rev. Dr. Stone, senior Trustee, presided.

Sung the 72d Psalm, 2d part, L. M.

Prayer by Rev. Homer Barrows.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Abstracts from the report of the Secretary were read, and after addresses from Rev. D. D. Tappan, Horace Webster, Esq., Rev. Dr. J. C. Holbrook, of Dubuque, Iowa, and Messrs. J. H. Stearns, H. Q. Butterfield, and A. Tobey, the report was adopted.

Closed with singing the Doxology.

Association adjourned to 1½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, 1½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment, in the lecture room.

Voted, That Article VIII., Section 1, be amended by adding, after the word "subject," the words, "and reading the Pastoral Letter."

The following votes of thanks, introduced by Rev A. Tobey, were unanimously adopted:

The General Association presents its thanks to the people of Haverhill for the kind and generous hospitality given to its members and friends who have attended this meeting.

The General Association also presents its thanks to the officers of the several railroads, who have favored attendance on its Anniversaries by the reduction of fares.

Revs. S. P. Leeds and A. P. Tenney were designated to officiate at the Sacrament.

Voted, That Revs. Messrs. Davis and Page be added to the committee on a State religious paper.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be extended to E. D. Boylston, Esq., of the Farmers' Cabinet, and Messrs. McFarland & Jenks, of the Concord Statesman, for courtesy in publishing notices of the Association without compensation.

The Association then adjourned to meet again after the public services.

2 *o'clock.* Religious services were held in the church.

Prayer by Rev. Jesse Page.

Sermon by Rev. L. S. Parker, from 1st Peter i. : 11.

Sacrament of the Supper administered, with appropriate remarks, by Rev. Messrs. Leeds and Tenney.

4½ *o'clock P. M.* Met according to adjournment.

The minutes were read by the Scribe, and approved.

After an extended discussion of the expediency of establishing a State religious paper, and the methods, prayer was offered by Rev. P. B. Day. The Association then adjourned *sine die.*

S. G. BROWN, *Moderator.*

HORACE WEBSTER, *Scribe.*
CHARLES CUTLER, *Assistant Scribe.*

7½ *o'clock P. M.* Meeting at which Rev. William Clark presided.

Rev. William Warren made an address in behalf of the American Board of Commissoners for Foreign Missions, and Rev. S. H. Morrill in behalf of the United States Christian Commission.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

It has long been an approved custom in our churches, at special seasons, to review God's dealings with them; thus their faith has been strengthened, their gratitude has been largely increased, and most valuable practical lessons to guide and enrich future life, have been gained.

The past year, like the one that preceded it, has been one of deep national tribulation. We have walked in its dense shadows from the opening to the close of the year. While our hearts and hands have been necessarily occupied with these new calls, to an unusual extent, we rejoice to record it, to the praise of God's grace, that there has been a good measure of spiritual prosperity within our bounds. God has not forsaken Zion. Loyalty to the government of the nation, and loyalty to Christ, do not disagree. Our experience proves that patriotism may be sanctified, and so become an aid instead of a hindrance to the religious life.

Death has not only been busy in the army for the last twelve months, but also in the quiet of our homes. In September two of our ministers' wives, Mrs. Lucy Dustan, wife of Rev. George Dustan, of Peterborough, and Mrs. Sarah D. Emerson, wife of Rev. John D. Emerson, of Haverhill, were summoned from their life-work to join the family in heaven, leaving behind them most sweet and sacred memories of affectionate service and self-sacrifice. One brother, of honored, pious ancestry, Rev. Ambrose Smith, of Boscawen, useful and beloved, deceased at the early age of forty-two. Three of the fathers have also passed away: Rev. Andrew Rankin, long known in our churches, at the age of sixty-six; Rev. Abraham Bodwell, for so many years the esteemed pastor of the church in Sanbornton, aged eighty-six, and Rev. William Patrick, for more than a generation the pastor of the church in Canterbury, always active and faithful, at the advanced age of ninety. Mr. Patrick was with us at our meeting last year in Concord, bright, elastic, and cheerful as usual. One father only is left whose name is identified with the origin and early history of the General Association—Rev. Ebenezer Price, of West Boscawen, now Webster, residing at present in Boston. To the above list may be added the name of a son of New-Hampshire, of godly extraction, whose public life was mainly spent in other States: Rev. Ralph Emerson, D. D., late Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology, at Andover Theological Seminary, who died in Rockford, Illinois, at the age of seventy-five. In this connection the ancient inquiry strikes our minds, "The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?" We give thanks to God for such pioneers in christian service, and would copy what was most worthy in their example.

Our churches have enjoyed during the past year outward prosperity to a very gratifying degree. Cases of new troubles in churches and societies, or of standing feuds, are rarely reported. General harmony is spoken of. In some instances houses of worship have been refitted and enlarged, and

parish debts have been extinguished. The attendance on public worship is almost uniformly stated to be larger than usual, although so many are absent in the service of their country. From every part of our State abundant testimonies are furnished of the existence of a warm and living patriotism among our people. In the contribution of money and of all kinds of articles needed by our patriotic citizens in arms; in sustaining the Christian Commission and the Tract Societies, and the Bible and Seamen's causes; in giving up kindred and friends to bear the brunt of this terrible conflict; in the spirit with which bereavements have been borne; in the earnest and unceasing prayers offered for the Divine blessing on all loyal counsels and efforts, and in the hopefulness that has been cherished among us even in dark days, we have demonstration of the fact that the love of country lives in Christian hearts as in the former days. And this interest is becoming more and more deep, spiritual and constant, foreshadowing a more glorious religious as well as earthly future to the nation.

While thousands and tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed by our churches and societies for the physical comfort and the spiritual good of the defenders of the country, it is cheering to learn from all quarters that the ordinary benevolent collections have exceeded rather than fallen short of those of previous years. This is better than the fears and hopes even of many.

An earnest plea for renewed efforts to suppress intemperance is found in almost every report. The young need to be taught the great lessons of the past on this subject, and to be enrolled in bands of hope.

The Sabbath School cause is receiving especial attention in all our churches, and was never in a more flourishing state than at the present time. Christians are feeling more and more that the young are the hope of the church, and are laboring and praying for their conversion, not without the most signal tokens of the Divine approval.

While we can not speak of the past year as emphatically one of revivals, we have occasion for devout thanksgiving to God in the gentle effusions of the Spirit on a considerable number of our congregations. Among these favored communities are Peterborough, where a work of grace commenced soon after the death of the pastor's wife; Orfordville, Lyme, Atkinson, and Plaistow.

Most of our churches have had additions by profession; but perhaps the most striking proofs of the presence of the Spirit of God have been witnessed among those who have gone forth from among us in answer to the call of their country. From many of these the urgent request has been frequently sent to pious friends at home, "Pray for us;" while not a few are rejoicing in the Christian hope.

We inscribe on the tablet of the year the words of Samuel the seer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We take up the ark of life and move forward into the unseen future with new impulses of faith and hope, praying that the year before us may be one of the right hand of the Most High to our country, and to the churches of Christ, with us and every where.

PASTORAL LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN: — The gloomy shadow of national calamity which has hung over our land for the past two years lingers still. There are indeed hopeful signs. The dark cloud we trust has passed the zenith — it rolls down the southern sky. The thunder, though yet loud, becomes fainter. The lighning is less vivid, and the calm bow of promise begins to span our national heavens. For this we will be grateful while we inquire for the lessons of the present hour. The Israelites of old, so soon as they had crossed the Red Sea, with one heart and one voice exclaimed, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation. My father's God, and I will exalt him." The wilderness yet stretched its long miles of barren waste before them — Canaan was far away. Still they would praise God for blessings already received.

In like manner would we remember the good hand of our God. Though darkness still skirts our horizon; though thousands of our homes are desolate, and the voice of mourning is heard in our land; though we may have a wide desert of calamity yet to pass through, and though the Canaan of peace may be yet far away, yet will we praise God for his goodness, and trust him for the days that are to come.

We will praise him for giving us rulers who recognize his hand in the affairs of the nation.

The recent proclamation for a Day of Thanksgiving, by the President, is such an expression.

Therein is acknowledged our dependance upon God; that our sins have brought this calamity upon us; that repentance is the only means of securing the Divine favor; that our victories are from God, in answer to the prayers of his people, and that the Holy Spirit is needed, to guide both the ruler and the ruled in the path of safety.

For such a recognition before the nations of the civilized world of the hand of Providence in the affairs of men we would render thanks to Almighty God.

We will thank him also that the nation is learning to understand the true cause of the war and the real issue at stake. The rebellion is the natural out-growth of American Slavery, just as vice and superstition and moral degradation are the out-growth of idolatry. Other things are only incidental to it. They may have retarded or hastened, — giving it shape or force, but the cause is *slavery*. And the real question at issue is, Shall slavery or liberty rule in our land? Not whether one half of the country shall be given to slavery and the other to freedom, but whether all our laws and institutions — our civilization and our religion — shall be shaped to promote one or the other of these great interests.

There is no freedom where all are not free. We thank God therefore that we are learning that we can not live with slavery. "It is incompat-

ible with our institutions." It destroys patriotism; it perverts Christianity; it prevents the growth of letters; it blots out the true idea of manhood, and thus renders the nation which fosters it weak and dependent.

We are learning even that the institution is a greater calamity to the white man than to the black. When the Anglo Saxon met the African on these western shores, and the relation of master and slave was instituted, it did in some respects raise the one in the scale of being, while it degraded the other. And to-day, patriotism and Christianity, and all the noble and manly virtues may dwell in the bosom of the slave, while if found at all they present but a weak and sickly growth in that of the master.

We are thankful therefore that we are learning that there is no safety for nations but in truth and right, and God. The State no less than the Church rests upon the Bible. Its walls are upreared; its institutions are cemented by the religion of the cross. Indeed the wide-spread confusion of the present hour — the roar of artillery — the din and rush and clash of a hundred battle-fields — the groans of the dying, with the mourning that comes up from ten thousand desolate homes, all unite in one grand choral, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish. Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted."

Furthermore, We are thankful that in the struggle in which our nation is engaged, we stand with God and truth. Long we occupied a doubtful position. Our professions of liberty were contradicted by iniquity framed into law. Our prayer "Thy kingdom come," was not for all men. We have now, however, wheeled into the line of truth and right. Let the high and holy position of our President be maintained, and we stand an undimmed star in the highest constellation of the nations.

It is not a small thing thus to stand with the wise and good of every land, to uphold the right — the higher civilization — the liberty — the learning — the purest Christianity of the age; to stand with God's poor of every clime — with the slave as he stretches out his hand toward heaven, and pours his cry for deliverance into the ear of the Lord of Sabbaoth.

If we succeed in this struggle, a new era will dawn upon our land. The tide of in-coming barbarism will be rolled back. Schools will dot the savannas of the South. The gospel will spread, and the latter-day glory will be hastened; while despots and tyrants will hide their heads, and that system of bondage which has so long shamed our civilization and disgraced our religion, will be driven from our fair inheritance.

Beloved Brethren: — For so much are we grateful. And though we may be still far from the bright Canaan of our hopes, yet will we thank God and take courage, assured that "No good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly." May we rise also to the full dignity of our position, and read rightly the hand-writing of our God.

First of all, Learn to trust him. Be not over-anxious to steady the ark of our liberties which he is removing to the place of its rest. In the mighty loom of destiny is now being woven the web of our national life. The shuttle of Providence plays through a tangled mass of parti-colored events. But each stroke unfolds the purpose of the Master. The design stands out; already we may read "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Happy shall we be if our people, if our rulers, understand rightly the lesson of this solemn hour as it unfolds from the dark womb of the future. "Be assured that the times which sweep by march to the ultimate triumph of the right, and the slow but universal diffusion of truth."

May we also be sensible of the duties which the events of the present hour are throwing upon the church of Christ. Fifty years ago Christians in this country were praying that God would open the heathen world to

the triumphant march of the gospel. Then every avenue was closed. It was exceedingly difficult for our missionaries to gain a foothold in any benighted land. God heard the prayers of his people. The gates of superstition and idolatry were opened, and many fields white for the harvest invited our approach. But this answer to prayer has thrown increasing labor upon the church, and demands a ten-fold sacrifice. Three hundred thousand dollars are not enough to maintain the missions of the American Board, while kindred institutions present their demands equally pressing. Long have Christians in our country prayed that God would break the bonds of the oppressor. If this prayer is heard, as it will be if offered in faith, a vast field of missionary labor will be opened to the enterprise of the church, — a work more grand and pressing than this nation ever knew — a work not exceeded by any since the Christian era commenced. Four millions of slaves are to be taught the principles of civil and religious liberty, and to be raised to a position where freedom may be a blessing; and an equal number of white men are to be corrected of their errors, purged of their prejudices, and brought down from their heights of pride and unholy ambition to that plain where they will acknowledge that God has made of one blood all nations of men. It is a great work — a high and holy work. Are we equal to it? Are we ready to lay our sons and daughters upon this altar, and to pour our uncounted thousands into this treasury?

Finally, Let us obey the injunction of the apostle, "I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and honesty." The quiet and peaceable national life is connected with prayer for rulers.

While, however, we supplicate the throne of Divine grace for all who are in authority, let us especially remember our Chief Magistrate. Few men ever occupied a position more important or difficult. Vital constitutional and political questions are at issue; conflicting opinions struggle for the mastery. Interests of great moment demand attention; while the welfare of millions of people, if not the permanency of our institutions, is at stake.

The hand of Providence now indicates that our President is chosen to be the Moses of the nineteenth century. If such be the design, may the prayers of a grateful, humble people ever ascend in his behalf, that his faith may rise to the sublime dignity of this most sublime hour; that the same shekinah of obedience to the right, that has led him hitherto, may guide him still onward to the peaceful Canaan of national rest.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

In account with J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

1862.			*Cr.*
Sept. 13.	By balance in Treasury,		$35.02
1863.			
June 11.	Hillsborough County Conference Assessments,		22.00
July 2.	Merrimack " " and arrears of 1862,		21.50
July 4.	Rockingham County Conference Assessment,		18.00
Aug. 8.	Strafford " "		13.00
Aug. 26.	Sullivan " "		7.00
Aug. 26.	Cheshire " "		12.00
			$128.52
1862.			*Dr.*
Nov. 22.	Express from Concord, Manuscript and Minutes,	$1.25	
Dec. 2.	Expense of wrapping and mailing 560 copies of Minutes,	7.74	
1863.			
May 27.	"Questions" published in Congregationalist,	1.00	
July 9.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing Minutes of 1862,	80.00	
Sept. 12.	Postages and stationery of Secretary and Treasurer,	4.31	
Sept. 12.	Balance in Treasury,	34.22	
			$128.52

Assessments for 1864 will be found on page 37. The sums assessed on Grafton and Lancaster Conferences for 1863, remain unpaid.

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, Sept. 29, 1863.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND respectfully report to the General Association, that at the Annual Meeting of the Trustees, held in Concord, June 3, 1863, the following officers were chosen: namely,

Elected Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., President.
" Dea. JAMES MOULTON, JR., Secretary.
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.
" Rev. NATH'L BOUTON, } Executive Committee.
" JAMES MOULTON, JR., }
" SHADRACH SEAVEY, }

Rev. Pliny P. Day, of Hollis, was elected a member of the Board of Trustees, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Rev. Ambrose Smith.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, July 14, 1863,

Voted, To appropriate and pay the sum of twenty dollars each, to the following persons, widows of deceased ministers: namely, to

Mrs. Rebecca French, North-Hampton; Mrs. Abby Lawton, Hillsborough; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson, Lempster; Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill, North Wolfborough; Mrs. S. B. Whittemore, Bridgewater; Mrs. S. A. O. Fifield, East Concord.

The Annual Income of the Fund, with the annuities of ministers and contributions from individuals and society, amounts to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

N. BOUTON, *for the Secretary.*

CONCORD, August 24, 1863.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, and the permanent officers of the Association, shall be members, *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the State of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service, the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a Moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceeds of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the 1st day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the District Associations, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each District Association connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Association shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to this 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of July.

VI. VACANCIES. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the Scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. COMMITTEES. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed to designate an auditor and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and the Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses, respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other Societies and Institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2½ o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. 1. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Association and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. July 1, 1863.				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let	To.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	4	6	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Campton,	1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	29	49	78	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	140
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Almon Benson	Dec. 23, 1840	Dec. 23, 1840	20	34	54	10	1	2	3	2	0	1	3	1	2	60
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1825	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1862	43	67	110	28	2	1	3	2	2	0	4	1	0	73
Groton, }	Nov. 9, 1803	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. 18 yrs.	13	14	27	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	45
Hebron, }	1779				12	28	40	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Laconia,	July 6, 1824	J. K. Young, D. D.,	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	54	132	186	36	13	4	17	5	3	0	8	10	5	156
Meredith,	Sept. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	19	41	60	13	2	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	3	50
Plymouth,	1765	d. A. Hazen,	Feb. 19, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	34	94	128	36	5	2	7	3	0	0	3	0	4	170
Sanbornton,	1771	J. Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	43	87	130	15	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	130
Sandwich,	Aug., 1814	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	25	33	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	8	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 6. S. S., 1.			284	583	867	181	24	9	33	25	7	1	33	13	18	924

WITHOUT CHARGE.—John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained September 20, 1838; John H. Thyng, New-Hampton, ordained (when?).

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

2. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removal.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson, Cong....	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page.....	Sept. 1835	S. S.	26	57	83	22	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	1	131
Auburn, Cong.....	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes.....	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	26	45	71	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	125
Bedford, Pres.....	1750	Thomas Savage....	Aug. 9, 1822	July 5, 1826	45	97	142	5	4	2	6	5	2	0	7	1	5	200
Candia, Cong.....	1770	Ephraim M. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	85	134	219	26	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	2	186
Chester, Cong.....	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson....	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	54	107	161	27	0	2	2	4	3	0	7	0	2	140
Deerfield, Cong.....	1766	Vacant.	.....	.....	45	73	118	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	....
Derry, 1st Ch.....	1719	Leonard S. Parker.	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	67	132	199	49	3	3	6	4	2	0	6	2	0	245
Derry, 1st Cong. Ch.	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons.....	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	99	129	14	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	100
Dunbarton, Cong..	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	39	72	111	19	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	150
Goffstown, Cong...	1801	J. W. Ray.....	Jan. 28, 1858	Jan. 28, 1858	44	97	141	38	4	4	8	2	0	0	2	2	2	235
Hampstead, Cong..	June 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt..	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	20	62	82	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	137
Hooksett, Cong....	1828	M. Leffingwell.....	July 7, 1844	S. S.	11	27	38	19	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	65
Hudson, Cong.....	Sept. 9, 1841	A. Richards, D. D..	.....	S. S.	9	36	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Litchfield, Pres.....	July 3, 1844	Rufus Case.....	May 5, 1842	S. S. Nov. 1862	4	11	15	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35
Londonderry, Pres.	1737	William House....	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	66	118	181	26	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	2	180
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1828	C. W. Wallace.....	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	108	294	402	90	6	10	16	11	8	0	19	2	4	522
Franklin St. Ch..	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn.....	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	55	196	251	0	5	2	7	0	8	0	8	0	0	351
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	28	36	23	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	....
Presbyterian Ch.	Nov. 9, 1859	Geo. A. Bowman..	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S., 1859	5	16	21	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch..	Sept. 5, 1771	Edwin J. Hart.....	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	52	99	151	24	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	1	3	214
Pelham, 1st Cong...	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry....	Oct. 30, 1851	Oct. 30, 1851	24	66	90	18	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	1	0	200
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows....	June 1, 1836	S. S., 1859	21	68	89	7	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	2	11	60
Salem, Cong.....	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rodgers..	.....	S. S.	21	69	90	11	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	23	0	75
Windham, Pres....	1742	Loren Thayer.....	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	41	86	127	8	3	0	3	4	0	0	4	2	4	200
Total.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 6.			903	2089	2992	470	63	36	99	58	38	0	96	40	39	3641

WITHOUT CHARGE. Isaac Jones, Derry, ordained Feb. 7, 1816. Isaac Willey, Goffstown, Secretary of New-Hampshire Bible Society, ordained.

THEODORE C. PRATT, Hampstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

3. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	J. D. Potter	.....	S.S. July 5, '63	6	23	29	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27, 1841	S.S. Feb. 1, '56	25	73	98	15	4	1	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	152
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S. May 22, '48	20	62	82	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	180
Moultonboro', 1st.	March 12, 1777	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	21	29	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	..
Moultonboro', 2d.	Sept. 3, 1855	Vacant.	No report	obtained.	..	..	..	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
Ossipee,	Sept. 26, 1806	Horace Wood	July 10, 1839	S. S. May, '48	26	44	70	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	55
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddell	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	49	91	140	24	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	4	1	165
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	9	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..
Wakefield,	1785	J. B. Tufts	August, 1855	S. S. Apr. 1, '61	11	32	43	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	75
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	John Wood	1840	S. S. Jan., 1859	18	42	60	12	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	70
Wolfboro' North.		Vacant.	.....	.....	6	14	20	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	..
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 1. S. S., 6.			179	441	620	97	14	3	21	13	9	0	17	8	4	832

S. H. RIDDELL, Tamworth, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	67	147	214	19	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	3	0	215
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	25	39	64	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	157
Hollis,	1743	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	79	143	222	21	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	1	4	260
Mason, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	43	64	107	28	1	2	3	5	1	1	7	1	0	126
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	Licentiate*	.....	S. S.	25	59	84	11	0	1	1	3	8	8	19	0	2	90
Merrimack, South.	Oct. 21, 1829	Ed. F. Abbott	Aug. 1844	S. S.	12	26	38	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	106	170	276	44	7	3	10	7	5	2	14	3	2	432
Mont-Vernon,	Sept., 1780	G. E. Sanborne	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	35	91	126	29	2	0	2	5	4	0	9	2	3	180
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	C. J. Hill	Jan. 28, 1857	Jan. 28, 1857	97	354	451	98	4	3	7	0	4	0	4	2	4	529
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D.D.	Nov. 7, 1827	April 6, 1836	83	171	254	38	10	8	18	10	25	159	184	7	1	275
		Gustavus D. Pike	April 23, 1862	Apr. 23, 1862														
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	Benj. F. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	50	140	190	30	2	2	4	0	3	0	3	2	1	273
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler	March 12, 1862	March 12, 1862	78	164	242	25	3	7	10	9	7	3	19	3	0	150
Rindge, 1st Ch.	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham, D.D.	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	73	197	200	12	0	1	1	8	4	1	13	0	4	330
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	30	65	95	20	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	140
East Wilton,	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	42	84	126	21	0	1	1	1	3	2	6	0	2	160
Total, 15.		Pastors, 13. S. S., 2.			845	1841	2689	426	36	35	71	61	69	176	296	24	23	3378

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, Barre, Mass., ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Joseph B. Hill, Temple, ordained Aug. 1830; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

LICENTIATE. Edward E. Herrick, July 22, 1862, Chaplain in the Army.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

*M. N. Root, licensed by Windham Association, Vt.

5. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	Vacant.			38	82	120	18	1	1	2	8	1	0	9	0	0	80
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			13	28	41	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	27	61	88	13	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	3	1	100
Canterbury,	Oct. 12, 1790	Josiah L. Arms	June 25, 1846	S. S.	39	*50	89	19	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1830	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	61	169	230	35	1	0	1	2	3	1	6	1	2	175
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	31	64	95	17	0	2	2	5	1	1	7	0	0	170
Concord, South	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	107	224	331	40	12	5	17	2	1	0	3	1	2	440
Concord, West	April, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June 1828	April 23, 1833	63	127	190	31	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	0	0	150
Danbury,	1800	L. Little	Nov. 19, 1862	S. S.	33	40	73	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	6	3	60
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	28	58	86	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	198
Franklin,	June 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	93	137	41	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	46	120	166	45	2	4	6	4	1	1	6	2	4	*250
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	16	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. W. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	75	105	180	25	11	1	12	6	4	0	10	6	0	105
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	41	92	133	27	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	0	0	162
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	W. W. Condit	1850	S. S.	22	50	72	7	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	60
Sanbornt'n, Nor'fl'd	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1848	Oct. 5, 1843	52	130	182	40	1	2	3	3	0	3	6	1	1	170
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Vacant.			22	55	77	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	85
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	E. Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	59	90	149	29	2	0	2	4	1	1	6	0	5	196
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	21	31	52	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	76
Total, 21.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 11. S. S., 5.			833	1621	2454	418	41	25	66	56	25	7	88	17	18	1787

WITHOUT CHARGE. Ebenezer Price, Boston, Mass., ordained Sept. 26, 1804; Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1860; Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833.

LICENTIATE. Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, Oct. 18, 1848.

E. O. JAMESON, East Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* Including Branch Schools.

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,	1802	D. McClenning	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	9	21	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Colebrook,	Nov. 30, 1802	C. F. Page	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S.,	18	37	55	12	5	3	8	2	0	0	2	2	0	82
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Vacant.			9	26	35	6	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Franconia,	1814	D. McClenning	April 29, 1852	S. S.,	6	12	18	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Gorham,	March 18, 1862	Geo. F. Tewksbury	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S.,	6	25	31	6	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	65
Lancaster,	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	39	93	132	10	7	2	9	5	1	0	6	4	2	115
Shelburne,	1818	Vacant.			0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
W. Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			12	21	33	10	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	50
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 1. S. S., 3.			99	240	339	48	17	7	24	10	5	0	15	7	2	585

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1777	Daniel Sawyer	Aug. 13, 1846	S. S., 1860	17	33	50	27	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	65
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S., 1860	4	14	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Alstead, New	1788	William Claggett	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S., 1861	29	55	84	25	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80
Chesterfield	1777	Jeffries Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S., 1858	7	27	34	7	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	60
Dublin	1772	Oscar Bissell	May 14, 1856	S. S., 1861	7	23	30	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	43
Fitzwilliam	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	50	107	157	9	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	261
Gilsum	1772	Ezra Adams	April 28, 1840	March 19, 1851	14	26	40	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	95
Harrisville	1840	Alanson Rawson	.....	S. S., 1862	11	28	39	17	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	117
Hinsdale	1821	M. H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	45	79	134	11	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	2	1	110
Jaffrey	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	31	84	115	27	7	6	13	5	2	0	1	0	1	150
Jaffrey, East	1850	Cyrus W. Allen	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S., 1863	22	44	66	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	96
Keene	1738	Z. S. Barstow J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	71	266	337	20	11	8	19	3	2	0	5	6	6	397
Marlborough	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S., 1840	30	74	104	25	3	7	10	3	0	0	3	3	0	175
Nelson	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S., 1861	43	65	108	27	16	7	23	1	2	0	3	13	2	190
Roxbury	1816	George Kemp	.....	S. S., 1863	2	10	12	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	45
Stoddard	1787	Samuel L. Gerould	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	5	31	36	6	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	1	1	50
Sullivan	1792	Nelson Barbour	Dec., 1836	S. S., 1861	28	50	78	10	3	0	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	100
Swanzey	1741	John G. Wilson	Dec. 12, 1851	June 29, 1859	20	46	66	7	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	1	2	155
Surry	1769	Vacant.	.....	.....	2	10	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Troy	1815	Tho's E. Roberts	1861	S. S., 1862	19	35	54	16	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	122
Walpole	1761	Vacant.	.....	.....	18	76	94	7	5	2	7	2	1	0	3	4	0	148
Westmoreland	1764	S. Bixby	June 30, 1853	S. S., 1863	29	69	98	20	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	95
" Evang.	1853	Edward B. Bassett	1857	S. S., 1862	5	22	27	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	40
Winchester	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	61	107	168	35	0	3	3	4	2	1	7	0	0	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 9. S. S., 14.			570	1381	1951	321	55	43	98	43	36	1	80	34	16	2929

WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 13, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831; F. D. Austin, East Jaffrey, ordained June 23, 1853; John M. Stowe, Walpole, ordained Jan. 31, 1855.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. M. K. WELLS, Hinsdale, *Statistical Scribe*.

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,	1778	Vacant.	.....	.....	30	94	124	35	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	140
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	19	26	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0
Dorchester	1828	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	12	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	56	128	184	43	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	0	4	139
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	B. Smith	.....	S. S.,	32	68	100	24	1	5	6	2	1	0	3	0	0	55
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney, D. D.	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	127	225	352	31	17	4	21	8	8	1	17	7	0	215
Littleton	1803	Charles E. Milliken	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	94	127	16	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	200
Orford, West	April 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells	.....	S. S.,	21	46	67	13	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	234
Orford, Union	Aug. 27, 1770	Wm. S. Spaulding.	1848	S. S.,	18	35	53	2	10	5	15	3	4	0	7	3	1	95
Piermont,	March 10, 1803	A. L. Marden	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	49	85	134	22	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0	0	118
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Licentiate	.....	S. S.,	13	53	66	1	4	2	6	2	3	0	5	3	2	300
Total, 11.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 4. S. S., 4.			393	859	1252	190	36	23	59	30	24	1	55	14	9	1496

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816; S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained Oct. 27, 1853.

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Pickett, Wentworth; William R. Joslyn, Dalton.

J. D. EMERSON, Haverhill, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1755	Charles Willey	Oct. 15, 1845	S.S.Sept. 1859	13	35	48	10	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	80
Brentwood,	Reorg. 1756	Hugh McLeod	June 27, 1855	Feb. 17, 1859	20	57	77	12	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	0	100
Dover, 1st Ch.,	Jan. 7, 1639	E. H. Richardson	May 18, 1854	Dec. 10, 1856	52	198	250	45	5	1	6	6	0	0	6	5	1	236
Dover, Belknap Ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	James B. Thornton	June 4, 1851	S.S. Dec. 1861	14	47	61	17	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	90
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	11	52	63	10	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	78
Exeter, 1st Ch.,	1638; R. 1698	Elias Nason	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	40	126	166	33	6	1	7	2	2	0	4	2	0	198
Exeter, 2d Ch.,	Jan. 1744	O. T. Lanphear,	Oct. 25, 1849	Feb. 12, 1858	33	106	139	5	0	2	2	3	3	0	6	0	0	288
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S. Ju.6, 1851	14	22	36	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	114
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent.	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	9	31	40	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	117
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	50	133	183	26	13	6	19	3	7	0	10	10	1	250
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Hampton,	1638	John Colby	Oct. 31, 1855	Oct. 31, 1855	66	138	204	23	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	151
H.Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	12	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge	April 4, 1838	S.S.Dec.1, 1862	4	20	24	0	3	3	6	2	0	0	1	1	0	110
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	10	34	44	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	135
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	S. D. Bowker	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S., 1863	19	39	58	12	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	4	0	60
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	Vacant.	.....	.....	60	96	156	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	190
Portsmouth,	1671	Geo. M. Adams	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	75	224	299	53	2	2	4	3	4	0	2	2	6	200
Raymond,	1791	Geo. W. Sargent	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	64	89	153	17	0	1	1	6	1	0	0	0	5	148
Rochester,	1737	James M. Palmer	May 23, 1854	April 26, 1859	20	97	117	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	27	73	100	9	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	14	64	78	48	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	66
South-Newmarket,	1730	Elias Chapman	Nov. 26, 1845	S.S. Dec. 1862	7	19	26	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	2	0	60
Stratham,	1746	Edward C. Miles	June 28, 1860	June 28, 1860	14	35	49	11	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	80
Total, 25.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 15. S. S., 7.			672	1828	2500	369	41	18	59	46	29	0	75	30	18	3202

Sabbath Schools in Newington and Lee, 160. Total, 3362

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840.

John LeBosquet preaches at Newington. Sabbath School, 75.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore preaches at Lee. Sabbath School, 85.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,	March 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	62	100	162	19	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	3	155
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	*			14	41	55	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55
Claremont,	1780	Vacant.			61	145	206	56	1	4	5	4	6	0	10	0	3	150
Cornish,	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spalding,	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	26	39	65	210	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			18	18	26	9	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			12	22	34	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	40
Enfield,	May 30, 1826	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	11	19	30	7	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	75
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Andrew Jaquith,	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	10	27	37	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	47	102	149	5	6	2	8	5	4	0	9	2	1	125
Lempster, 1st Ch.	Nov. 18, 1781	Augustus Chandler,	Sept. 12, 1860	S.S.Ap'l 28, '61	34	53	87	21	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	4	60
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			12	15	27	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	60
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	40	67	107	20	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	100
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	73	140	213	42	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	0	4	170
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			3	14	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Washington,	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	3	24	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	50
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 7.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 3.	416	826	1242	246	12	11	23	28	26	0	54	5	17	1180

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, Chaplain in the Army, ordained (when ?).

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; A. C. Field, South Acworth.

HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* A. F. Shattuck, a Licentiate, supplies statedly.

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1,'60	52	83	135	59	11	1	12	4	2	0	6	9	2	140
Chichester,	1791	Joshua S. Gay,	Jan. 27, 1848	S.S.Aug.1,'57	38	60	98	29	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	92
Epsom,	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,	May 29, 1855	S. S. 1860	30	50	80	6	4	0	4	1	2	1	4	1	0	100
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.	1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	*9	*15	*24	*12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iron Works,	Sept. 20, 1830	Dana B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	S.S.Aug.1,'62	29	46	75	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	80
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1863	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.July 1,'62	18	33	51	2	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	102
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	Henry C. Fay,	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	50	88	138	14	0	3	3	4	0	0	5	0	0	160
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	Nov. 16, 1859	S. S. 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	J. Lyman Morton,	Jan. 29, 1863	S. S. Jan. 1863	48	113	161	60	1	2	3	1	1	34	36	0	2	100
Total, 9.		Vacant Churches, 1. Pastors, 1. S. S., 7.			276	491	767	194	17	12	29	13	6	35	54	11	5	849

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained Nov. 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817.

JOSHUA S. GAY, Chichester, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

* As reported last year.

12. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.	1788	J. H. Bates,	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	44	84	128	12	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	8	135
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	E. H. Caswell,	June 18, 1848	S. S., 1861	15	44	59	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	85
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	30	39	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	95	175	270	52	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	8	390
Greenfield, Cong.	Nov. 20, 1839	Lyman Marshall,	Oct. 8, 1856	S.S. July, 1860	47	74	121	17	10	5	15	0	1	0	1	8	15	135
Greenfield, Evang.	Jan. 7, 1834	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S.S. Mar., 1860	27	45	72	32	3	1	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	108
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	59	92	151	20	1	4	5	3	2	1	6	1	1	293
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	17	53	70	8	1	1	2	3	2	0	5	1	1	127
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S., 1861	17	35	52	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	52	71	123	17	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	0	2	185
New-Boston, Pres.	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	38	100	138	36	0	0	0	5*	2	0	7	0	3	250
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	38	82	120	1	21	4	25	2	0	0	2	10	1	250
Total, 12.		Vacant Churches, 1.	Pastors, 6.	S. S., 5.	458	885	1343	220	38	21	59	23	14	1	38	22	41	2093

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel C. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

The fiftieth anniversary of this Association was celebrated at Francestown, Nov. 11, 1862. An historical discourse was delivered by Rev. E. B. Claggett. This, with other exercises, rendered the occasion highly interesting and profitable.

13. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,..	June 18, 1850	July 10, 1861	110	142	252	125	10	8	18	1	12	0	13	4	2	85
West Lebanon,....	Nov. 8, 1849	John H. Edwards,.	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	32	55	87	15	2	4	6	2	2	0	4	2	2	151
Total, 2.*		Vacant Churches, 0. Pastors, 2.			142	197	339	140	12	12	24	3	14	0	17	6	4	236

WITHOUT CHARGE. Prof. Charles A. Aiken, S. G. Brown, D. D., Prof. Henry Fairbanks, David Kimball, D. J. Noyes, D. D.

D. J. NOYES, Hanover, *Statistical Scribe.*

* Associated with ten churches in Vermont.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem. July 1, 1863.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,.....	4	12	6	1	3	10	0	284	583	867	181	24	9	33	25	7	1	33	13	18	954
2. Derry&Manch'r	3	24	15	6	2	23	0	903	2089	2992	470	63	36	99	58	38	0	96	40	39	3641
3. Harmony,.....	5	12	1	6	0	7	0	179	441	620	97	14	3	17	13	9	0	22	8	4	832
4. Hollis,.....	0	15	14	2	7	23	1	845	1844	2689	426	36	35	71	61	69	176	296	24	23	3378
5. Hopkinton, ...	4	21	11	6	6	23	1	833	1621	2454	418	41	25	66	56	25	7	88	17	18	2787
6. Lancaster, ...	3	8	1	3	0	4	0	99	240	339	48	17	7	24	10	5	0	15	7	2	585
7. Monadnock,....	2	24	9	14	4	27	0	570	1381	1951	321	55	43	98	43	36	1	80	34	16	2929
8. Orange,.....	3	11	4	4	2	10	1	593	859	1252	190	36	23	59	30	24	1	35	14	9	1496
9. Piscataqua, ...	3	25	15	7	3	25	1	672	1828	2500	369	41	18	59	46	29	0	74	30	18	3362
10. Sullivan,.....	7	15	6	3	1	10	2	416	826	1242	246	12	11	23	27	22	9	58	5	17	1180
11. Suncook,.....	1	9	1	7	3	11	0	276	491	767	194	17	12	29	13	6	35	54	11	5	849
12. Union,.....	1	12	6	5	1	12	0	458	885	1343	220	38	21	59	23	14	1	38	22	41	2093
13. White River,...	0	2	2	0	6	8	0	142	197	339	140	12	12	24	3	14	0	17	6	4	236
Total, 13.	36	190	91	64	38	193	6	6070	13285	19355	3310*	406	256	661	408	298	231	936	231	212	24292

* Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in *males* and *females*.

REMARKS.

For the sake of economy in printing and postage, the Minutes are presented t year in smaller type, and the subsequent articles are somewhat compressed. If t statistical tables should be arranged by counties, or, better still, by conferences, t labor of type setting might be still farther abridged. The tables this year embrace f reports from all the churches, save two. The returns, with an exception mention below, are reliable; and more than half of the District Associations furnish repo in a condition to be forwarded to the press.

Associations. The pastors of the churches at West Lebanon and Dartmouth C lege having united with the White River Association of Vermont, these churches now represented in a distinct table; making thirteen Associations in the State.

Churches. The two churches in Loudon being united, we now report one hu dred and ninety churches; one less than last year.

Members. The whole number of members reported is 19,355, or 585 less than l year. Additions—by profession, 406; by letter, 256; total, 661. Removals— death, 407; by dismission, 298; by exclusion, 231; total, 936. The large number und the head of excluded is explained by the action of the Olive Street Church in Nashu and the Congregational church in Pittsfield, revising their catalogues in accordan with the recommendation of the General Association at Hampton, in 1858. Th report 200 less members than in 1862. Should other churches, that have neglected t duty, be persuaded to make a thorough revision of their church membership, repo ing only persons who are known to be living, we might hope to see an increase in t totals of our Annual Summary. With ignorance and carelessness in the reports of few churches, the whole summary is vitiated. The attention of pastors and statistic scribes is again directed to this subject, in hope that the reports of all the Associatio in 1864 may be full and correct.

Deaths. 1862, October 3, Rev. Ambrose Smith, Boscawen, aged 42; October Rev. Andrew Rankin, Danbury, aged 66; October 24, Rev. William Patrick, B cawen, aged 90. 1863, March 24, Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton, aged 86.

Dismissions and Removals. 1861, October 29, Rev. George E. Fisher from t church in Mason Village; November 24, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, from the church Alton. 1862, January 24, Rev. R. F. Lawrence, from the church in Claremont; J uary 21, Rev. William L. Gage, from the North church in Portsmouth; February Rev. S. M. J. Lord, from the church in Enfield; March 25, Rev. Uzal W. Condit, fr the church in Deerfield; May 19, Rev. James B. Hadley, from the church in Campt

Ordinations and Installations. 1861, November 19, Mr. Levi Little, as Evangelist, at Webster. 1862, January 21, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, over the church Plymouth; Feb. 3, Mr. John H. Edwards, over the church at West Lebanon; Jun Rev. George M. Adams, over the North church, Portsmouth.

Sabbath Schools. The number of scholars reported is 24,292, or 413 less t last year. This falling off in attendance is to be attributed in part to the enlistm of young men in the army, and in part to the discontinuance of public worship

some of the feebler churches. In the stronger churches the members have, in many instances, increased, and mission-schools are maintained with encouraging prospects of usefulness.

CATALOGUE. The Catalogue contains the names and post-office address of all ministers connected with the local associations; also the names of other Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, whenever they could be obtained.

CONFERENCES. The tabular statement is omitted this year because the materials to complete the tables have not in a single instance been furnished. I subjoin such particulars as I have been able to gather, with the sums assessed on each Conference for 1864.

CHESHIRE. Twenty-five churches. Meets on the second Wednesday of June. Rev. E. Adams, of Gilsum, Clerk; Dea. Asa Duren, of Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

GRAFTON. Twenty-two churches. Time of meeting unknown. Rev. A. L. Marden, of Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

HILLSBOROUGH. Thirty-four churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, of Hollis, Clerk; Elias Russell, Esq., of Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $32; contributions, $10,017.81; legacies, $1,651.14; total, $11,668.95.

LANCASTER. Seven churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. P. Fay, of Lancaster, acting Clerk. Assessment, $2.

MERRIMACK. Twenty-four churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, of Henniker, Clerk; George Hutchins, Esq., of Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $16.

ROCKINGHAM. Thirty-one churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, of Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, of Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $18.

STRAFFORD. Twenty-eight churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, of Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $13; contributions, $1,903.19.

SULLIVAN. Thirteen churches. Meets fourth Wednesday of June. Rev. A. Chandler, Lempster, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., of Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $7.

Houses of worship have been repaired at Piermont and Orford. I regret that the request made for information in the Minutes of 1862, has not elicited a response from every Conference. It is important that the officers of each Conference, and the time and place of meeting, should be published in the Minutes. Will not the clerks, who have charge of the records of these bodies, furnish these items for 1864, without farther solicitation? I should be happy to enlarge the annual summary, by printing the sum of charities, and other facts of historical value. In the absence of a State paper devoted to the interests of our churches, the Minutes furnish the only ecclesiastical record we possess. Is it not worth some pains and expense to make the publication complete in every department?

J. G. DAVIS, *Statistical Secretary.*

Amherst, October 2, 1863.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire, with their Post-Office address, and the number of the District Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott C. F., Bristol. 5.
Abbott Edward F., South Merrimack. 4.
Adams Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 7.
Adams Ezra, Gilsum. 7.
Adams George M., Portsmouth. 9.
Adams John, Hillsborough Center. 12.
Aiken Charles A., Hanover. 13.
Alden Lucius, Newcastle. 9.
Allen Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 7.
Amsden S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Arms Josiah L., Canterbury. 5.
Austin Franklin D., East Jaffrey. 7.
Ayer Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barbour Nelson, Sullivan. 7.
Barker Nathaniel, Wakefield. 3.
Barrows Homer, Plaistow. 2.
Barstow Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
Batchelder John S., Jaffrey. 7.
Bates John H., Pres., Antrim. 12.
Bassett Edward B., Westmoreland. 7.
Benson Almon, Center-Harbor. 1.
Berry Augustus, Pelham. 2.
Bigelow Asahel, Hancock. 12.
Bissell Oscar, Dublin. 7.
Bixby S., Westmoreland. 7.
Blake Jeremiah, Pittsfield. 11.
Blake Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 1.
Blanchard Amos, Meriden. 10.
Blanchard Silas M., Wentworth. 8.
Bouton Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Boutwell James, Sanbornton. 1.
Bowman George A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
Bowker S. D., Newmarket. 9.
Bradford Samuel C., Francestown. 12.
Bradford Dana B., Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 11.
Brickett Harry, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
Brown Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Burnham Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
Burnham Charles, Meredith. 1.
Burt Edmund, Gorham. 6.
Butterfield H. Q., Great Falls. 9.
Buxton Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr William O., Barnstead Parade. 11.
Case Rufus, Derry. 2.
Caswell Enoch H., Bennington. 12.
Chandler Augustus, Lempster. 10.
Chapman Elias, South Newmarket. 9.
Claggett Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
Claggett William, New-Alstead. 7.
Clark John, Bridgewater. 1.
Clark William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell Elliot C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Colby John, Hampton. 9.
Conant Liba, Hebron. 1.
Condit Uzal W., Salisbury. 8.
Cook E. W., Hopkinton. 5.
Corser Enoch, Boscawen. 11.
Cummings Henry, Newport. 10.
Cummings Jacob, Exeter. 9.
Curtice Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler Calvin, New-Ipswich. 4.
Cutler Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame Charles, Exeter.
Davis Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt James, Milton. 3.
Downs Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan Thomas W., Nelson. 7.
Dustan George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards J. H., West Lebanon. 13.
Eldridge Erasmus D., Kensington. 9.
Emerson John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks Henry, Hanover. 13.
Fay Henry C., West Northwood. 11.
Fay Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn William H., Manchester. 2.
Fiske Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster Amos, Acworth. 10.
Gay Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould Moses, Canaan. 8.
Gerould Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Goodhue Daniel, Greenfield. 12.
Goodhue N., Center-Harbor.
Goodrich Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear George, Temple. 4.
Griswold John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley James B., Campton. 1.
Hall Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Haley Frank, Enfield. 10.
Hamilton John A., Keene. 7.
Hart Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2.
Hayward Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hazen H. A., Plymouth. 1.
Hidden Ephraim N., Candia. 2.
Hill Charles J., Nashua. 4.
Hill Joseph B., Temple. 4.
Hills James D., Hollis.
Holmes James, Auburn. 2.
Hood Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood J. Augustine, Loudon Center. 11.
House William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Humphrey John P., Winchester. 7.
Jameson E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jaquith Andrew, Langdon. 10.
Jennison Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett William R., Fisherville. 5.
Jones Isaac, Derry 2.

Kemp George, Roxbury. 7.
Kendall Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball David, Hanover. 13.
Kimball Reuben, North Conway. 8.
Kingsbury Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
Lanphear Orpheus T., Exeter. 9.
Lawrence Robert F., Claremont. 10.
LeBosquet John, Newington. 9.
Lee Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Leeds Samuel P., Hanover. 13.
Leffingwell Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Little Levi, Danbury. 5.
Lord Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall Lyman, Greenfield. 12.
McClenning Daniel, Bethlehem. 6.
McGee Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish John H., Kingston. 9.
Miles Edward C., Stratham. 9.
Milliken Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moody Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Morton John L., Pittsfield. 11.
Nason Elias, Exeter. 9.
Noyes Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Ordway Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis Israel T., Rye. 9.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Palmer James M., Rochester. 9.
Park H. G., Hancock. 12.
Parker Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Peffers A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pike Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt Theodore C., Hampstead. 2.
Price Ebenezer, Boston, Mass. 5.
Putnam John N., Hanover. 13.
Putnam Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Rawson Alanson, Harrisville. 7.
Ray John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson Elias H., Dover. 9.
Riddell Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Rogers George W., Salem. 2.
Robie Edward, Greenland. 9.
Roberts Thomas E., Troy. 7.
Rowe Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Spaulding William S., Orfordville. 8.
Stearns Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stone Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe John M., Walpole. 7.
Tenney Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 8.
Tewksbury George F., Gorham. 6.
Thayer Loren, Pres., Windham. 8.
Thompson George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton James B., Dover. 9.
Tomlinson J. L., Chester. 2.
Thyng John H., New-Hampton. 1.
Tobey Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tufts Joseph B., Wakefield. 3.
Utley Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Wells Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White Seneca, Amherst.
Willey Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson John G., Swanzey. 7.
Wood Horace, Ossipee Center. 3.
Wood John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May.
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July.
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.
Grafton and Coös,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication.
†Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education
‡Also, American and Foreign Christian Union.

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REMARKS.

The number of churches (190) connected with the Association is unchanged second church in Moultonborough, "virtually extinct," is omitted in the tabl Sandwich North, not reported last year, is introduced The whole number ad the churches during the year ending with the 30th of June is 1146, 815 by prof and 317 by letter, a net gain of 508; making a total membership of 19,863. Th bath Schools report 23,783 members, or 509 less than last year. Other particular be learned from the summary. The arrangement remains unchanged. Nam ages of deceased ministers, ordinations and changes in the pastoral office are me ed in the Narrative of the State of Religion. The Catalogue is revised and co up to the time of going to press.

I have made some effort to ascertain the amount of the contributions to bene societies, reported by the several conferences during the year, but without s From official sources it appears that in twelve months ending in June, the N H Society recieved from New-Hampshire $5,487.64, Tract Society, instituted 1814, a ton, from N. H., $1,707.38; legacies $207.50, Tract Society, New-York, $882.6 acies $25.00; N. H. Missionary Society, $5,833.07, American Home Missionary S $1,720.54, American Board Foreign Missions $10,271.63 The record of these sum be useful for reference at a future period.

As the expense of publication is more than double that of former years, I found it necessary to condense and abridge the Minutes and the accompanying r so as to bring the whole within the compass of thirty-two pages. By this me Association will be saved from a serious and unexpected debt As a new arran of the tables will be introduced next year, when the statistics of the churches a returned by conferences, it will not, perhaps, be deemed improper for me to offe suggestions, which will diminish the expense of printing and facilitate the meth my successor. First Whatever the plan adopted by the statistical secretary for ing returns in 1835, let the ecclesiastical year, thereafter, begin with June and e the 31st of May Second, Let the reports of Widows' Charitable Fund, and of the arer be made to the Association in *detail*, and suitably audited, but publish o officers and amount of funds belonging to the former, and only a summary of r and expenditures by the latter. Third, As the expense of publishing, both the M and the N. H Home Missionary reports, is defrayed by the churches—and this is now double that of former periods, and not likely to diminish—let the two doc be published under one cover This would diminish costs in several ways, sav age, and bring together all that is essential to an intelligent survey of our eccles and religious condition This practice prevails in Vermont and Connecticu evident advantage Fourth, let every pastor or church clerk, make an imm and careful revision of the membership of the church in his charge as the basi next annual report Without this revision the Association may as well aban publication of the statistics, and save the costs No pains on the part of t tistical secretary and his assistants, can remove the errors and confusion cons upon inaccuracy in the original numbers To illustrate the magnitude of this er its consequences, please read and inwardly digest the following statements, ga from the figures printed by the Association in the last seven years. In Augus we reported church members, total, twenty-one thousand two hundred and for 21,244, July 1, 1864, total membership nineteen thousand eight hundred and three 19,8[illegible] apparent loss, one thousand three hundred and eighty-one 1,381 pare with this result the summary of additions and removals for the same peri seven years, additions reported, by profession, four thousand four hundred a 4,410 by letter, two thousand four hundred and forty 2,440, making a total thousand eight hundred and fifty The removals in the same period, by death, sion and exclusion, amount to five thousand eight hundred and thirty-four leaving a balance of additions of one thousand three hundred and eighty one This last sum represents the actual excess of additions over removals. Why th discrepancy between these two methods of computation? The last is unquesti the more accurate The churches have enlarged their numbers by more than t hundred members, but the summary, taking the total of 1858 as the basis of c ison, presents a falling off in the membership of an equal number The catal the churches if such were kept, are at fault, and the names of dead and missi been reported alive and fit for service The same fault still exists. From lazi negligence returns are made from a false and shifting basis To correct the erro census must be taken and if names are dropped let the number be stated un head of [illegible], that the balance of the columns may be maintained By this the annoying errors of the past may be avoided and the summary will becom ligible and truthful Fifth, If any pastor, or church clerk is going to the army a tour of the west, let him place the records of his church in the hands of a con person, with directions to forward a correct report to the statistical scribe of th ference in which he resides This will save many delays and much vexation of

With thanks to my associates, the scribes and others who have aided me by ble correspondence commending, also, the patience and care of our excellent p Messrs McFarland & Jenks, I submit the foregoing as my final report

Amherst, October 19, 1864 J. G. DAVIS, Stat

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1865.

Annual Meeting at Newport, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1865, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon from the Piscataqua Association.

Committee of Arrangements, Rev. Henry Cummings, of Newport; Rev. Amos Blanchaad, and S. B. Duncan, Esq., of Meriden.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. E. B. Cook, of Hopkinton, and Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Letter, Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, and Rev. Alvan Tobey, of Durham.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4: Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth, Hon. Tho's J. Melvin, of Chester, and Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. E. G. Parsons; substitute, Rev. Wm. T. Savage.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday o[illegible] June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk. Dea. Asa Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $12.

Hillsborough, 35 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June at New Ipswich. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk. George Swain, Esq., Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $22. Contributions, $12,334.47; legacies, $808.66. Total, $13,143.13.

Coos, 8 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. P. Fay, of Lancaster, Clerk. Assessment, $2.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, of Henniker, Clerk; Geo. Hutchins, Esq., of Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $16.

Rockingham, 32 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, of Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, of Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $18.

Strafford, 30 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, of Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $13.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. A. Chandler, Lempster, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $7.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

MINUTES.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of New-Hampshire assembled at the Franklin street church, Manchester, on Tuesday, August 23d, A. D. 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., of Lyme, from Zec. 12: 14.

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair. The credentials of Delegates were read, and the following enrolled as members:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—William R. Jewett, Liba Conant.
Derry and Manchester—E. G. Parsons, J. W. Ray, T. C. Pratt.
Harmony—Reuben Kimball.
Hollis—B. F. Parsons, Austin Richards, D. D.
Hopkinton—William T. Savage, C. F. Abbott, J. L. Arms, S. H. Amsden.
Piscataqua—A. Tobey, J. M. Palmer, G. W. Sargent.
Sullivan—E. T. Rowe, Henry Cummings.
Monadnock—M. H. Wells, T. W. Duncan.
Orange—J. D. Emerson, B. Smith.
Suncook—Henry C. Fay.
White River—Samuel P. Leeds, Hanover.

LAYMEN FROM COUNTY CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—William Smith.
Grafton—Dea. Samuel Wood, of West Lebanon.
Hillsborough—Dea. William Jones, of Lyndeborough; Stephen Holt, of Francestown; Dea. James French, of Bedford.
Merrimack—Dea. David Locke, Epsom.
Rockingham—Deacons James Perkins, of Hampton; David Lane, of Raymond; Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.
Strafford—Dea. Jonathan Brown, of Gilmanton; Hon. George M. Herring, of Farmington.
Sullivan—S. B. Duncan, Esq., Meriden.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

Maine General Conference—Rev. Americus Fuller, of Hallowell.
Massachusetts General Association—Revs. E. W. Noble, of Truro; M. S. Howard, of Dartmouth.
New-York General Association—Rev. M. E. Strieby, New-York City.
Vermont General Association—Rev. G. I. Bard, of Waterford.
Congregational Union of Canada—Rev. D. C. Frink, of Melbourne, C. E.

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Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Secretary. Revs. William H. Fenn and C. W. Wallace, Manchester.

The Association was then organized by the choice of Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Moderator; Rev. J. D. Emerson, Scribe; Rev. T. C. Pratt, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. E. G. Parsons and Horace Webster, Esq., with Rev. Messrs Wallace and Fenn, were chosen Committee of Arrangements.

Revs. B. Smith and A. Tobey, with Deac. James French,—Committee on Nominations.

Adjourned to 1½ o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 1½ o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Proceeded with the choice of committees.

On Narratives for 1865—Revs. E. W. Cook and J. M. R. Eaton.

Of Inquiry—Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth; Hon. Thos. J. Melvin, of Chester, and Horace Webster, Esq., of Portsmouth.

Voted, That all clergymen and lay members of our churches present, be invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

An invitation was read from Brooks Shattuck, Esq., Superintendent of the State Reform School, desiring the Association to visit that Institution during the session, if practicable. The Association voted to accept the invitation.

An overture, proposing a new plan for the arrangement of our statistics, from Strafford Conference, was received, and referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. E. W. Cook and B. P. Stone, D. D.

A resolution on the enlargement of membership of this Association was referred to Revs. E. G. Parsons and A. P. Tenney, as a committee with instructions to report before the close of our meetings.

The following persons were chosen a committee to report resolutions on the state of the country, namely: Revs. J. W. Ray, M. H. Wells, and Hon. Geo. M. Herring.

2½ *o'clock*. Association entered on the regular religious service of the afternoon. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was presented by Rev. Alva Tobey, when Rev. H. E. Parker, by request, addressed the Association on the occasions of gratitude, furnished by this review of God's mercies to our churches. A prayer of thanksgiving was then offered, the assembly uniting in fervent praise, with Rev. Thomas Savage, who was invited to lead in this service.

The Pastoral Letter, read by Rev. J. D. Emerson, was adopted, and ordered to be published with the Narrative.

Christian salutations were received, through their delegates, from the General Conference of Maine, General Association of New-York, and Congregational Union of Canada.

The services concluded with prayer by Rev. A. Bond, D. D., of Norwich, Conn.

Voted, That the Association adjourn till 9 o'clock, Wednesday A. M.

Sung the Doxology in L. M.

Tuesday Evening. Religious services, conducted by Rev. William H. Savage. Prayer by Rev. D. C. Frink, of Melbourne, C. E. Addresses by Rev. M. E. Strieby, John R. Adams, D. D., chaplain of 5th Maine Regiment, and Charles Demond, Esq., Boston, in behalf of the Christian Commission.

Sung the Doxology.

Wednesday, 8 *o'clock, A. M.* Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. John K. Young D.D. At the close a collection was taken for Rev. Mr. Morey, of Bennington, a loyal minister, destitute and sick, who was driven from Tennessee, at the outbreak of the Rebellion, because of his attachment to the Union.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. W. Cook.

Roll called.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary: From the General Association of Iowa, the General Association of California, and from the Congregational Conference of Ohio.

Revs. Messrs. Howard and Noble, from the General Association of Massachusetts, and Rev. G. I. Bard, from the General Convention of Vermont, presented the salutations of their respective bodies.

Overtures from the Congregational Conference of Ohio, respecting a National Congregational Convention, was received, and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

Committee of Arrangements recommended Newport as the place of the next meeting. Sermon, by a member of Piscataqua Association. Preacher before the Communion, Rev. E. G. Parsons. Substitute, Rev. William T. Savage. Auditor, Rev. William Clark.

The Association concurred with this recommendation, and then gave place to reports from benevolent societies.

Benjamin P. Stone, D. D., Treasurer, made report of the finances of the New-Hampshire Bible Society, in behalf of which Rev. I. Willey, the Secretary, made an address.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood spoke in behalf of the American Tract Society, New-York.

Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society, followed by Rev. I. P. Langworthy, for the Congregational Union.

Rev. W. H. Whittemore, agent of the N. H. Branch of the Freedmen's Relief Association, and Rev. M. E. Strieby, spoke in behalf of the colored population of the Southern States, who have recently been emancipated, their claims and prospects.

The Association united in singing the 1134th Hymn.

Rev. William Warren made an address in behalf of the American Board.

Public services closed with prayer by Rev. James Aiken, of Hanover, Mass.

Report of Committee on State Paper, by Rev. J. W. Ray, was read and accepted.

Voted, That the committee continue their services for another year, and that they be remunerated for their labors.

Voted, To adjourn to Hanover street church, at 1½ o'clock.

HANOVER STREET CHURCH, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. The Treasurer made his report, which was accepted.

Voted, To print six hundred copies of the Minutes. Also, to raise one hundred dollars through the County Conferences.

The committee to whom was referred the overture from Strafford Conference concerning statistics, submitted a report, approving the reasons presented in that paper for a change in the arrangement of the tables, and conclude by advising that the statistics of the churches, which are printed with the Minutes of the Association, be arranged hereafter by Conferences, instead of Associations, as heretofore. The report was adopted, and Rev. Mr. Jewett was instructed to propose such changes in the Constitution and Rules as may be necessary to carry the above vote into effect.

The Committee on State paper, at their own request, were discharged.

Voted, That the subject be referred to a new committee.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows' Charitable Fund was made and accepted.

The report of the committee appointed last year, relating to raising funds for the relief of indigent and disabled Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers, was read, and laid on the table.

2½ *o'clock.* The Association gave place to the New-Hampshire Education Society, Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., President, in the chair. Devotional exercises by Rev. E. H. Greeley, of Methuen, Mass. Sung 1062d hymn. Report of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society was read by the Secretary, Rev. Samuel P. Leeds. Addresses by Rev. D. P. Noyes, Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, New-York, and Rev. Asa D. Smith, LL. D., President of Dartmouth College.

A communication was received from the mayor of the city, Hon. Frederick Smyth, offering free conveyance to all members of the Association who wished to visit the Reform School.

The Association voted to accept the invitation, and visit the State Reform School to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

The following persons were chosen a committee to act in reference to a State paper: Revs. E. G. Parsons, Wm. T. Savage, A. D. Smith, LL. D., S. P. Leeds, N. Bouton, D. D.

Voted to adjourn till 7 o'clock P. M.

Wednesday evening. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. F. D. Ayer. Proceeded to the discussion of the following questions, which had been selected for the evening:

1. Are the labors of Evangelists, as known among our churches, in addition to those of their Pastors, or Stated Ministers, needful, or, on the whole, useful; and is there any scriptural sanction for the same?
2. Have the American Churches, as such, any duty to perform, in the present national crisis, toward obtaining a more explicit acknowledgement of God, as the Supreme Ruler, in the forms of our civil constitutions?
3. Is the system of benevolent contributions, now in general use, capable of being rendered more efficient and productive; and if so, in what way?

Rev. Messrs. Stearns, B. Smith, Adams and Tobey, participated in the discussion. Closed with prayer by Rev. H. E. Parker.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Rev. S. P. Leeds. Roll was called and minutes read by the Scribe.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of enlarging the basis of membership of the Association proposed the following amendments to the Constitution, which were severally adopted:

That Art. 2d of the Constitution be amended by adding, after the word "association," in the last line but one, these words, namely: "members of the committees that report to it."

Art. 7, sec. 1. After "appointed" insert "annually." Strike out the word "session," in the third line, and insert, "next annual meeting."

Sec. 2—add, "this shall be a permanent committee, one new member retiring, and one new member being chosen each year."

Rev. Mr. Jewett, appointed to propose changes in the Constitution, corresponding with the proposed change in the arrangement of the statistics, recommended "that sections 2d and 3d, in article V. of the Constitution and Rules, be changed, by substituting *County Conferences* for District Associations in the third line, and Conference for Association, where the latter occurs in succeeding lines." Adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following Delegates to foreign bodies.

Thursday morning, 8 *o'clock.* Prayer meeting, at which Rev. C. W. Wallace presided, when Rev. Dr. Childs briefly presented the claims of the Tract Society at Boston.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. B. F. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. R. M. Sargent.
To the General Conference of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. Bezaleel Smith. *Substitute*, Rev. H. A. Hazen.
To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. P. B. Day. *Substitute*, Rev. H. M. Wells.
To the General Conference of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark. *Substitute*, Rev. D. Goodwin.
To the General Conference of Rhode-Island:
Primary, Rev. E. Robie. *Substitute*, Rev. E. D. Eldridge.
To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. J. A. Hamilton. *Substitute*, Rev. F. D. Ayer.
To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey. *Substitute*, Rev. S. P. Leeds.
To the Ohio Congregational Conference:
Primary, Rev. L. S. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.
To the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Jaquith.
To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. Wm. T. Savage. *Substitute*, Rev. E. C. Cogswell.
To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. W. R. Jewett. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Ordway.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)
Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D.
To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. J. Boutwell. *Substitute*, Rev. M. Gerould.
To the New-Hampshire Methodist Conference:
Primary, Rev. C. A. Downs. *Substitute*, Rev. D. McClenning.
To the New-Hampshire Baptist Convention:
Primary, Rev. C. J. Hill. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Cook.
To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. H. Cummings. *Substitute*, Rev. U. W. Condit.
To the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. J. H. Bates. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Boutwell.
To the Congregational Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. H. C. Fay. *Substitute*, Rev. J. H. Stearns.
To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. Calvin Cutter.
To the General Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey. *Substitute*, Rev. I. T. Otis.
Which was adopted.

Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D., and Rev. E. D. Eldridge, were appointed to officiate at the Communion.

Voted, That the thanks of the General Association be presented to the people of Manchester for the kind and generous hospitality extended to their members and their christian friends from abroad, who have attended this meeting. Also, to the officers of those railroads who have favored us by a reduction of fares.

The following committee was appointed to express the sentiments of this body in regard to the State Reform School, which was visited this morning: i. e. Rev. Messrs. Parsons and Adams.

10½ *o'clock A. M.* The Association gave place to the anniversary exercises of the N. H. Missionary Society, L. D. Stevens, Esq., Vice-President, in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. B. Day. Report of the Treasurer, B. P. Stone, D. D., was read and adopted.

After the reading and acceptance of the Annual Report, presented by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Davis, Cook, Tobey, Palmer, Horace Webster, Esq., and President Smith. United in closing prayer with Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.

The Association resumed business. The Committee on the State of the Country made their report, which was approved and ordered to be printed.

WHEREAS we recognize in human governments the ordinance of God, and feeling that he has been very merciful to us in such a gift as the Government bequeathed us by the fathers, and consecrated by sacrifice and blood,—and whereas this Government has been assailed by a well matured and persistently pursued purpose of destruction,—Therefore,

Resolved, That the continuance of our bloody struggle for another year presents the most convincing argument that the hand of our God is upon us in severe chastisement for our sins, and that our hope of ultimate success rests upon his interposing mercy, when "we shall break off our sins by righteousness, and our iniquities by showing mercy to the poor."

Resolved, That we are deeply impressed with the obligation of all in authority to regard the divine law in respect to the Sabbath, and to honor this holy day, allowing nothing but the demands of necessity and mercy to break in upon its hallowed observance.

Resolved, That the recent appointment, by legislative and executive authority, of a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, indicates a growing conviction of a most hopeful character, that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Resolved, That we assure our soldiers in the field that we remember them in their hardships and exposures, and invoke for them the protection of the Almighty arm; that our earnest sympathies are tendered to the sick and wounded, in their sufferings and death, and we ask for them that the rod and the staff of our Heavenly Father may sustain them, and that we may mingle our tears with the afflicted families who mourn for the dead upon the field of conflict.

Resolved, That we sincerely pledge to our Government our confidence, our prayers, and our material support in the great work of suppressing a most wicked rebellion, until the armed forces be overcome, and peace is restored through our whole domain.

Adjourned till half past one o'clock.

THURSDAY, 1½ o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The following resolutions respecting the State Reform School were read and accepted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to His Honor, Mayor Smyth, of this city, for his courtesy in providing a special train to carry the members of the Association to the State Reform School. Also to the Superintendent of the school, whose arrangements made the visit especially pleasant.

Resolved, That the Association, in expressing its gratification with the present appearance of the school, as with the evidences of its past success, takes occasion to utter its conviction of the great importance of providing a stated chaplain, who should be devoted to the religious oversight and instruction of the interesting company of youth there assembled, for whom our State has already done so much, wisely and well.

Horace Webster, Esq., presented the following:

Resolved, That in view of the depreciation of the currency and of the great advance in prices of the necessaries of life, this General Association, composed of lay members as well as clergymen, and representing the churches as well as the pastors of the State, feels called upon to remind the churches that their pastors are living upon fixed salaries; that those salaries are generally only moderate in amount; that in many instances, at former prices, it required the strictest economy to eke out a livelihood: that by the nature of their profession, pastors are cut off from other means of income, and that consequently the increase of expenses arising from enhanced prices, must be the occasion of great anxiety and discouragement, if not of actual deprivation and suffering, unless prevented by an increase in salaries. And this Association therefore commends the action of any churches or parishes within its bounds, which have already increased the salaries of their pastors, and urgently recommends that each church should take into earnest consideration the question whether its pastor is receiving a competent support, with such action as shall secure freedom from crushing care, and give new evidence of confidence and consideration.

The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett was chosen Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

The report on raising funds for indigent and disabled ministers was referred to the committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Savage and Jewett. This committee were instructed to consult with the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, and, if practicable, secure such changes in their

charter as will enable the Trustees to hold funds for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition for a National Congregational Convention reported that they have failed to appreciate the reasons for the call of such a convention, especially in the present juncture of public affairs, and respectfully decline further action with reference to it. Accepted.

Revs. Henry Cummings, Amos Blanchard, and Bro. Samuel B. Duncan, were chosen Committee of Arrangements for next year.

Voted, To adjourn at the conclusion of the public services.

Minutes read by the Scribe, and accepted.

The public religious services were introduced by singing, and the sermon from John xviii.: 37, was preached by Rev. S. P. Leeds. A large company of communicants united with the Association in commemorating the death of Christ in the Sacrament of the Supper; Rev. Dr. Noyes and Rev. E. D. Eldridge officiating at the table.

Association adjourned, to meet at Newport in August, 1865.

WM. T. SAVAGE, *Moderator*.

H. D. EMERSON, *Scribe*.
T. C. PRATT, *Assistant Scribe*.

WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees of the WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND was holden at the study of Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, in Concord, on the first day of June, A. D. 1864. Present: Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, Rev. A. P. Tenney, Rev. E. O. Jameson, Shadrack Seavey, Esq., and F. N. Fisk, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: namely,

Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., President.
JOSEPH B. WALKER, Secretary.
SHADRACK SEAVEY, Treasurer.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., JOSEPH B. WALKER, SHADRACK SEAVEY, } Executive Committee.

Mr. Seavey presented the report of the treasurer for the past year, showing that the funds of the Association amounted, on the first day of June, 1864, to nineteen hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents ($1968.92); which report was read and accepted.

These funds were invested as follows:

June 1, 1864.

Eleven shares Northern Railroad Stock, cost	$1,090.00
Cash on deposit in Exeter Savings Bank,	88.60
Bond of State of New-Hampshire,	500.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	88
Cash on deposit in N. H. Savings Bank,	289.44
	$1,968.92

Concord, August 22, 1864. J. B. WALKER, Secretary.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, holden at the study of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bouton, in Concord, on Wednesday, the first day of June, A. D. 1864, it was "voted to appropriate and pay the sum of twenty dollars ($20) to each of the following persons, being widows of deceased ministers: namely, Mrs. Rebecca French $20; Mrs. Abby Lawton $20; Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson $20; Mrs. Clarissa E. Merrill $20; Mrs. L. B. Whittemore $20; Mrs. S. A. O. Fifield $20; postage $0.50. Total $120.50.

A true copy of the original record, Attest, J. B. WALKER, Secretary.

Since the above meeting was holden a donation of five hundred dollars to the Widows' Charitable Fund has been made by a benevolent lady, and received by the treasurer.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGIC

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1864.

Every year of our religious history has its own character. The one whicl closes is marked by peculiarities of uncommon interest. God has chastened us l bereavements resulting from the great conflict of arms in our country, goi: through now more than three years. Yet the burdens of this conflict have been li: far than any one could have supposed beforehand. We have great reason for t fulness that he has enabled us to bear these burdens so easily. As in the pa favors have been far greater than we had reason to expect, so let us not fear f: future.

In spiritual things we have been greatly blessed. The discipline of our hea Father's hand, we confidently believe, has not been lost on us. He has called efforts and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering, and for the comfort of the aff so loudly and so plainly, that we could not fail to hear his call, nor refuse to By unusual methods he is teaching us to trust and obey him. We believe that in our churches, we fain would hope that most, are submissively seeking to lea: lessons he teaches.

In giving such an account of our religious condition during the year as the : of information enable us, we will notice, first, *the changes in the ministry*.

Four good and useful ministers of Christ have been called from their lab earth, we doubt not to the higher service and the blessed rewards of heaven.

Rev. Enoch N. Caswell died at Bennington, Nov. 11, 1863, aged 45. He was b Middletown, Vt., March 25, 1818; graduated at Middlebury College in 1843, and s dover Seminary in 1847, and was ordained pastor of the church in Salisbury, Ju 1848. In less than a year he was dismissed, and afterwards was stated preach two years at Stockbridge, Vt., for one year and a half at Barnet, Vt., for two : half at Hooksett, in this State, and finally, for more than two years at Bennir where he closed his labors with his life.

Rev. Ezra Adams, of Gilsum, died March 20, 1864. He was born in East Me Mass., August 28, 1809; graduated at Amherst College in 1835; studied theology East-Windsor, Ct., Seminary, and was ordained pastor of the church in Surry i After a ministry of three years in that place he was dismissed, and was the actin tor of the church in Roxbury seven years. He removed to Gilsum in January and was, after more than a year, installed pastor of the church, March 19, 185 there he continued in the Master's service thirteen years. He leaves behind hi character of a devoted, self-sacrificing christian man, and of a faithful and usefu ister of Christ.

Rev. Edmund Burt died at Gorham, July 14, 1864. He was born in Longme Mass., Nov. 11, 1803. Forbidden the advantages of a college education and an entrance into the ministry, by the death of his father, he studied theology at Gi ton Seminary, finishing his course in 1839, and was ordained pastor of the churc Franconia and Bethlehem January 13, 1841. After six years, being dismiss preached two years at Deering, and in 1849 was installed pastor at Newfield where he continued nearly four years. He was then employed three years in G Me., and Gorham, N. H., and was afterwards laid aside four years by ill h About the beginning of the present year, having become again able to preach, he to Stewartstown, where, as before, especially at Newfield, God blessed his lab bringing men to Christ. Worn down in health, in June he went to Gorham, t his family and recruit; but he did not return, for God took him. He was a true, ful and highly useful minister of Christ.

Rev. Joseph Bancroft Hill died in June, near Chattanooga, Tennessee, from i by falling under a railroad car as he was attempting to get upon the train while moving. He was born in Mason, the son of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, for more t years pastor, and 46 years sole pastor of the church in that place. In his early terial life he preached several years in Tennessee with the Cumberland Presbyte He was installed in Mason, colleague pastor with his father, October 20, 1841, an missed April 22, 1847. He afterwards preached some years at Stewartstown, and places in the northern part of the State. Having removed his family reside Temple, and being still, though nearly 70 years of age, uncommonly vigorou active, he desired to do something more for the cause of his Master and of his co He was attracted to Tennessee by the fact of his early ministry having been i

part of our land; and at the time of his death he had been employed three or four months doing good service for the benefit of the soldiers as a delegate of the Christian Commission.

A considerable number of ministers have been dismissed from the pastoral office in the State within the year. Among them are Rev. Albert W. Fisk, of Fisherville, Rev. Almon Benson, of Center-Harbor, Rev. John Colby, of Hampton, Rev. Charles I. Hill, of the First Church in Nashua, Rev. Elias H. Richardson, of the First Church in Dover, Rev. Orpheus T. Lanphear, of the Second Church in Exeter, Rev. James M. Palmer, of Rochester, and Rev. Edward C. Miles, of Stratham.

The vacancies made by these removals have not all been filled; but some of them have been; and some other places longer without pastors have been supplied.

Rev William R. Jewett, formerly of Plymouth, was installed pastor of the church in Fisherville, September 16, 1863. Rev. J. L. Tomlinson was ordained pastor of the church in Chester, October 1, 1863. Rev. John A. Edwards was ordained pastor of the church in West Lebanon, December, 1863. Rev. Milton S. Severance was ordained pastor of the church in Boscawen, February 17, 1864. Rev. Edward W. Clark was installed pastor of the church in Claremont, February 25, 1864. Rev. U. W. Condit, lately of Deerfield, was installed pastor of the church in Salisbury, March 18, 1864. Rev. John O. Barrows was ordained pastor of the church in North-Hampton, June 9, 1864. Rev. Quincy Blakely was installed pastor of the church in Campton, June 29, 1864. Rev. R. D. Eldridge, lately of Alton, was installed pastor of the church in Kensington, June 30, 1864, after the place had been without an orthodox Congregational pastor for more than forty years. Indeed, it has never had such a ministry for any great length of time.

In several other places where pastors are not settled, there have been changes in the ministry.

It is proper to mention here the change in the Presidency of Dartmouth College. The resignation of Rev. Dr. Lord, in a manner honorable to himself and satisfactory to the friends of the College, and the inauguration of Rev. Dr. A. D. Smith, who comes to the head of the Institution with the advantages of mature and various experience, of long-tried and well-known literary and christian character, are events which inspire the christian community with new and stronger confidence in its future enlarged prosperity and usefulness.

The *temporary absence* of many of our ministers and other active christians in the service of the Christian Commission, for the benefit of our soldiers, we cannot doubt has been the means of great good. It has given expression to the sympathy of the christian people in the service and sufferings of those who fight our battles for us in support of our most excellent government. It has given relief, comfort, spiritual counsel and consolation to many a sick and wounded soldier. It has carried the Gospel with saving power to not a few, and doubtless to some who would not have been so blessed at home. In these and other ways the good and faithful men employed in this work have carried blessings to those who actively meet the deadly conflict with rebellion and slavery; and they have brought home, by enlarged experience and quickened christian sympathies, correspondent blessings to themselves and those who "abide still by the stuff."

In *spiritual prosperity* God has blessed us much more than usual. Revivals of religion have been numerous; in some instances of great power, in others of less marked character, but perhaps of longer continuance. And in some places, where we should scarcely call the interest a revival, there has been quiet, spiritual refreshing and healthy growth. In some instances the labors of evangelists have been employed and blessed,—in others, no such extraordinary means have been used, while the showers of mercy have descended as freely. God has various and divers methods of working. It is well for us to discern those which are adapted to our circumstances, and conform our efforts to them.

For a more detailed account of our spiritual progress, such as befits the history of our churches for the year, we must refer to the narratives given to the several Conferences.

In Strafford Conference, extending over the present three counties of Strafford, Belknap and Carroll, there have been considerable revivals in Dover, Great Falls, Salmon Falls and Ossipee; also very encouraging progress in Rochester, Farmington, and several other places. The largest addition in proportion to the previous membership was to the little new church for the first time represented in the Conference, partly in Chatham, and partly in Stow, in Maine. It was organized in 1861, and in the course of the year has quadrupled its members by the addition of twenty-five members.

This Conference, extending along about half the eastern boundary of the State, from the tide-waters to the White Mountains, and entirely around Lake Winnepiseogee, over a territory much of it of poor soil and sparse population, includes forty towns, in thirteen of which is no Congregational church. Of its thirty churches five or six are extremely small and weak, and as many more have but little strength. Of the remaining eighteen or twenty about half hold on their way steadily, with only slow advances—in some years even declining; and the other half may be regarded as having considerable strength, and generally prosperous. The five or six weakest rarely have Congregational preaching, and generally unite with people of other denominations in public worship. The five or six next in weakness, and some of the

others, commonly have Congregational preaching with missionary aid. In two or three of our very weak churches, and in one place where is no church, there has been a union of different denominations in the support of preaching, as the General Association of last year recommended.

The report made to the Rockingham Conference on the state of religion gives this account of spiritual progress: "During the year a rich harvest has been gathered, as the fruits of revivals. In this respect God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. There are but few churches in our limits which have not been more or less refreshed. In some instances the descent of the Spirit has been like the small rain and gentle dew; in others like refreshing showers, and in others still like the rain which made Elijah gird his loins and run before the chariot of Ahab. Atkinson, Brentwood, Exeter (First and Second parishes), Newmarket, Plaistow, and Portsmouth, have shared richly in the revival influences. In Londonderry and Kensington the work has been one of great power. In Derry and Windham it is believed that in each place not less than one hundred have been made new creatures in Christ. The work in Derry embraced the pupils in Pinkerton Academy; and of 80 not less than 50 are reported as hopefully converted. In most cases there has been little labor outside of the church. Brethren of the church have been ready to do their part; and the Spirit has moved, as when melting fire burneth."

The narrative of the state of religion in Hillsborough Conference makes these statements: "Reports have been received from each church in the Conference. The year has been one of the right hand of the Most High. Revivals of great and unusual power have been enjoyed by many churches of this Conference, in which others of different names, equally dear to Christ, have largely shared. It is probable that 800 souls are believing they are born again, who were without God and without hope one year since in this county. Fields that one year ago were a valley of dry bones, very dry, suddenly felt the life-giving influence of the breath of God. In wonder and admiration we beheld them teeming with living souls. Some sinners, almost an hundred years old, are no longer in danger of dying 'accursed.' Large numbers of heads of families have built them altars in their homes in the name of the Lord; companies of young men and women have been adopted the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Not a few children have seen the beauty of the Saviour, and feel he has taken them in his arms and written his father's name in their foreheads. In some of these revivals God began to display his power first among the children. He showed his sovereignty in calling the *youngest* in some families before the oldest. The parent came following the child into the kingdom of Heaven. We have been reminded by the working of the Holy Spirit of the saying of the Son of David, 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise.'"

The places most largely blessed by these revivals, though by no means all that were blessed, are Bedford, Goffstown, Manchester and Merrimack.

In Merrimack County Conference it was reported that but few churches had received no additions, while several have been considerably increased, and to some new converts have been added at nearly every communion. "Most of the churches report a growing interest in religious things. The revival spirit which has blessed the churches in Concord has been shared also by those in Hopkinton and Henniker," Fisherville, and especially West-Concord. "In other churches there has been an encouraging spirit of prayer," though the neglect of prayer meetings by many professed christians is mentioned in this Conference, as in others, for matter of lamentation.

In Cheshire Conference, of 25 churches with six pastors and twelve stated preachers, it is reported that many churches are in a languishing condition; but a few have enjoyed seasons of revival. Hinsdale, Marlborough, New-Alstead and Sullivan are mentioned as having been especially blessed. In Hinsdale the interest began with the week of prayer in January. The pastor in Marlborough says, "Never within my observation has there been a work so manifestly of God in his Providence and by his Spirit. In Sullivan the interest was very great and general. Nearly all the youth and children in town have apparently been more or less affected by it."

In Sullivan County Conference, 'the additions to the churches have been rather less during the year than the removals by death and dismission. No general revivals are reported; yet gentle refreshings have quickened God's people in five or six churches; so that, if all who have come to hope in Christ during the year had been gathered, the additions would exceed the removals.

In the large county of Grafton the Conference, newly organized with encouraging prospects of helping the churches in christian fellowship and co-operating service for the Master, did not receive full reports from all within its bounds. While some of the churches are said to be languishing and troubled with dissensions, the tone of piety is represented as on the whole higher than usual. God has bestowed his Spirit, awakening some special religious interest in Dartmouth College, in Haverhill, in Lyme, and in Piermont. The interest has been quiet, bringing souls into the kingdom of God through the usual means of grace, and especially from the Sabbath Schools.

From Coos County no returns have been received, and no account can be given.

In all the reports of the Conferences there is reference to the *Sabbath Schools* as generally prosperous, increasing in numbers and interest. They are mentioned as "encouraging the hopes of ministers, and furnishing one of the most hopeful departments of ministerial care and labor;" and as "the vestibule of the church." There are exceptions. In many places this christian training institution is not very prosper-

ous. In some it seems to have declined from its former prosperity. No where is it doing all which is desirable, or all which is practicable. But generally it seems to be growing in favor with God and man. From the Sabbath School, and from the children even, have been gathered a goodly proportion of those who are reckoned as converts to righteousness. The growth and manifest usefulness of these schools in many places may well animate all who love the word of God to do everything they can for the establishment of them where they are not, but should be, and for their encouragement and greater usefulness where they exist.

In some instances the pastor superintends the Sabbath School. Possibly this practice might be increased with advantage. All christians, whether ministers or laymen, young or old, male or female, should do what they can to promote its enlightening and saving influence.

There has been some advance in *christian benevolence* during the past year. I have seen no report of the amount of contributions, except those in Hillsborough and Strafford Conferences. But from the general statements it seems that there has been no decline in the contributions to the usual objects of christian benevolence. In some places there has been an increase of payments for these, though we fear not in proportion to the diminished value of money. There should be a large increase everywhere on this account. But the liberal donations from our churches and congregations, as well as from other people, for the aid and comfort of our soldiers, inspire us with the belief that there has been a real growth of christian benevolence. We rejoice in the evidence that christian people are learning more than formerly that the highest, worthiest use of property is in making it a means of doing good. The christian use of property, it has been well said, "transmutes it into eternal gold."

A time of war is not generally favorable to the *public morals*. And it is not reasonable for us to expect that we shall escape moral injury from the fierce and long conflict in which we are engaged. But the justice of our contest for the support of our excellent government and of all rightful authority, and against subjection to the power of a slave-holding aristocracy, as well as the christian spirit so widely prevailing and the christian exertions so largely employed in it, may well encourage our hopes that the public morals will receive less injury than commonly results from a state of war, and also that some important moral benefits will follow. A purely christian patriotism has been much cultivated in our churches and communities within the year. To this has contributed the observance to some extent, but not so generally as should be, of the concert of prayer for our country. It is decidedly favorable to the public morals that the prejudice against color is subsiding, and sympathy for the oppressed is increasing among us, as also in other parts of our country.

The cause of *temperance*, we fear, has not, on the whole, been advancing in the State. Too generally there has been apathy or neglect with regard to it. Always if any great reform be neglected, it fails to be carried forward, the current of influence running against it grows stronger, and it is borne backward. Such doubtless has been the condition of the temperance reform in large portions of our State during the last year. But the reports are not wholly unfavorable. One of the Conference reports, that of Cheshire, states that "the temperance cause is at a very low ebb. One pastor says, 'Nothing is doing, and he does not see that anything can be done.'" But then it adds, "The Conference adopted resolutions recommending that each pastor preach on the subject at least once in the year; also that the third Sabbath in the month be observed as a concert of prayer; and that at least one Sabbath School Concert in the year be devoted to this object." Another report, the one from Rockingham, says, "Where efforts have been made in the cause of temperance among children they have been successful. In some instances the 'Band of Hope' has embraced nearly all the children in the town."

In one town, Farmington, where the rum traffic had become rampant, defiant, threatening violence against those who opposed it, the friends of good morals banded together, and gave fair, kindly warning that the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors should be enforced. And by the terrors of the law in that town the evil-doing was suppressed. Such a course might be pursued in other places. Why not in all places, so far as need be? Courage, discretion, and endurance are needful in our moral warfare, as in the conflict of carnal weapons.

Let us be taught by all the lessons of the past year to look upward and forward in cheerful hope, yes, with strong confidence; and, seeking always for the sufficient grace where alone it may be found, let us be ever mindful of the injunction and assurance: Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the New-Hampshire General Association:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—The ordinary labors and cares calling for christian sympathy are overshadowed by the continued calamity of war. The depletion of its members and drainage of the life and treasure of the church is the great burden of the present time. That we may adjust ourselves to the new circumstances and meet faithfully the demands of the hour, let us look at an instructive passage of Holy Scripture.

It was required in the covenant which God made with Moses on the mount, that all the males of the nation should go to Jerusalem and celebrate the three Great Feasts, on certain days of each year. Neither shall any man *desire* thy land when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in the year. This covenant was obeyed, and, as if to establish the supernatural authority of their religion, and demonstrate the fact of a *special Providence*, this promise was kept, and no invasion of the land occurred while the males attended the feast for sixteen hundred years.

In the light of this passage, which is but one of a large class, is it not our duty to look to God to deliver us out of all our troubles? Is he not the same to his church as under the theocracy? Are not they as dependent on him? Time changes not his character, annuls not his covenant. The Lord is our strength and shield. As it was vain for Israel to trust in horses or in allies from Egypt and Assyria, so we should not rely on our resources, superior numbers or able generals, but look unto God, who knoweth how to deliver. So manifest was his providence in the founding of this government, and his intention to make it auxiliary to his church, that we believe the prosperity of the one is necessary to the usefulness of the other. Hence, from a review of the past and the evident divine plans for the future, are we not convinced that it is one of the most solemn duties which we owe to the God of our fathers, to both, to uphold our civil institutions, and make it possible for him to perfect, through us, the work which he has begun.

And concerning the fiery trial through which we are called to pass, think it no strange thing, since there is no futurity and no Redeemer for nations. They are under the natural law to reap in this life as they sow, and all they *ever* reap. For each one killed by Pharaoh's oppression, an Egyptian was found dead. When Israel sinned in the person of their king, they must choose either three years of famine, three months of defeat in battle, or three days of pestilence. We must expect to suffer as much in mind, body and estate as we have caused others to suffer. Until our policy is righteous towards *all*, and barbarous statutes are repealed, the iniquity framed into law forces on the bloody retribution, and none but God can interpose and cut short the work. Most appropriate and solemn, therefore, was the late call of our Representatives for a day of fasting and prayer. To whom can we go but to God, pleading his word—"If the nation against whom I have spoken to pluck up, pull down and destroy it, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil I thought to do unto them."

As in the case of Israel, God will protect our land if we faithfully discharge our *religious* duties. It is of first importance that we be loyal to our Saviour; that we be in agreement with eternal progress. Then, as members of the covenant, may we not look for the fulfillment of the word spoken to Moses? Human obedience secures divine favor. Piety is the salt of politics. In an ancient civil war Jacob said unto all that were with him,—"Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and let us go up to Bethel, where God was with me in the way I went, and make there an altar. And when he had buried the idols under an oak, they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them." Let our national idol be *so* treated, and the money and influence it has diverted to worldly uses be brought back to Christ, and soon would our enemies be overthrown, and our own border restored.

At the time Napoleon was about to invade England, the people of God met and organized a society for sending the Bible to all parts of the world. Even irreligious men foretold this would be the best defence; and certain it is that the troops of the empire were recalled after they had embarked. Our increased contributions to causes of benevolence, our courteous refusal of aid from England in sustaining our missionaries, has doubtless had a decided influence in preventing foreign recognition of the rebel government. It is an indication of moral as well as of pecuniary strength. Our sending Bibles and religious tracts by thousands to the insurgents, the delegates of our commissions going among them—good, Samaritan-like—most directly fulfills that

word, "when a man's ways please the Lord he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." At this time, whoever neglects the missonary, the freedmen, or the support of the gospel, is not patriotic. Our country needs the closet prayer and the secret alms as much as she needs the soldier. The church, as well as the world, has sought wealth through slavery, and it is a test of her repentance that she not only demand that those who are admitted to an equality of danger and trial with the white man, become citizens under one government, in full pay and privilege, but that their physical, mental and spiritual wants be cared for. If we, of many, be the tap-root of oppression, let it be supplanted by the loss of souls, and christians be the first to restore manhood to that chattelized class for whom Christ died as much as for us. Is it not degrading as well as sinful to despise souls that God has taken pains to create, and re-create by his Holy Spirit? Our works and progress are as sounding brass without charity.

It is also one of our religious duties to show gratitude to our brave defenders, supplying their physical necessities, and never permitting them to ask for the bread of life. They stand between us and the ruin our sin calls down upon us. To whom are we under greater obligations? Who are more accessible to the gospel? They need it if they fall; they need it if they return to us; for who are likely to exert a greater influence for good or evil? The terrible discipline through which they have passed will make them men of mark. No excuse of the cost of carrying on the war will relieve us from the duty of caring for the soldier and the freedman, who are, so to speak, of our own household. Let every christian come up to the help of the Lord, and no man shall ever divide our land.

This applies also to poor and indigent churches and weak christians. Interest in Christ's work abroad secures most spiritual prosperity at home. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself."

From the instance cited, we see *literal* obedience to God secures temporal prosperity. It seems imprudent for all the males of an agricultural people, without an army or munitions of defence, to leave the women, children and aged, to spend three weeks at several seasons of the year at Jerusalem. But to obey God is always safe, and in the end advantageous.

When was sin ever profitable? It is not likely we shall make a dollar out of our four score years of oppression, but lose, as did Pharaoh by his oppression of Israel. Much of our nation's wealth has come through this crime; many as cursed as Judas' thirty pieces of silver. Instead of lamenting its loss, it is a blessing to be rid of it, if thereby we learn "that righteousness alone obtains the sure reward." In the thunder-tones of battle we are being taught that no man or nation can afford to disobey God. There is no worldly advantage in wronging any, though they are the most ignorant and degraded. Human life is precious in the eyes of the Lord, and nothing is surer than his judgments on evil-doers. Although many good people have talked lightly of "abstract right," and derided the "Higher Law," in the waste and carnage of the present civil war what child does not see the ruinous cost of injustice, and that literal obedience to divine commands, unswerving adherence to the "Golden Rule," is most profitable. What a premium simple honesty is commanding! Let every christian see that no gain compensates for the least compromise with sin, and that to lose with God maketh rich in the end. Let us seek, as individuals and a nation, *Righteousness*. For that is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Finally, brethren, while we rejoice in many visitations of God's Spirit to our churches and to our army, and doubt not the righteous issue of our national conflict, we feel the need of a renewed consecration of body, soul and spirit to our Divine Master. We need an increase of Old Testament faith! a conviction that we are not our own, but have been bought with a price, so that all we do may be done as unto the Lord. Before crossing Jordan, Joshua commanded the people, "Sanctify yourselves." Great as have been our successes, perils and sufferings await us; many a trial of our faith and difficult passage for the work of our liberties. By prayer and giving of thanks may we retain the Divine Presence, that, being loyal to him, no interest shall supersede that for the Captain of our Salvation. Because of the great duties incumbent upon us—the wide fields of influence opening—the telling sacrifices which may be made for Christ's and liberty's sake, as well as the danger from the action and reaction of the church and the world in this struggle for national life—we need to watch lest the grander life be weighed down and smothered by political zeal and the secularities of the day. Better let these be informed and quickened by the minor experience and soul-power which comes from the baptism of the Holy Spirit. May our alms go up with our prayers, our faith be followed by works. May our *individual* responsibility to a personal Lord make real to us his leadership, and the assurance that whatever may betide—

"In his service pain is pleasure,
With his favor death is gain."

Seeking to act righteously and to glorify God, may we not rest there? May we not appropriate all those promises made to the first nation in covenant with him, as "Unto *this* people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them. Only be thou strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Beloved—building yourselves up on *this* faith—praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God.

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1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed annually, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the next annual meeting; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for. This shall be a permanent committee, one member retiring and one new member being chosen each year.

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Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

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4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. RULES. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association,

In account with J. G. Davis, *Treasurer*

		Cr.
1863. Sept. 12.	By balance in Treasury,	$34.22
1864.	From eight Conferences, current assessments,	100.00
	" Grafton and Coos Conferences, assessments of 1862,	14.00
		$148

		Dr.
1863. Nov.	Expense (including postage and express) of mailing Minutes,	$10.52
1864. May.	E. D. Boylston, printing 700 blanks,	4.50
July.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing Minutes of 1863,	80.00
Sept. 12.	Postage and printing Questions for Discussion,	5.01
	Balance in Treasury,	$48.19
		$148

J. G. DAVIS, *Treasurer*

I have examined the above account, and find it correct and well vouched.

WM. CLARK, *Auditor.*

Amherst, October 10, 1864.

1. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabb'th Scho'ls
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.			2	4	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Campton,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	49	79	22	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	1	0	140
Center Harbor,	May 10, 1838	Vacant.			19	32	51	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	93
Gilman Center,	March 18, 1835	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	43	68	111	30	0	4	4	1	2	0	3	0	1	75
Groton,	1803	Vacant.			12	13	25	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Hebron,	1797	Liba Conant,	1823	1837	11	27	38	4	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	100
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K Young, D. D.,	Sept. 10, 1823	1831	52	131	183	36	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	146
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	June 8, 1857	20	42	62	7	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	75
Plymouth,	1765	H. A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	June 21, 1863	35	34	129	31	5	2	7	0	6	0	6	2	0	160
Sanbornton,	1771	James Boutwell,	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	44	88	132	15	3	3	6	6	1	0	7	1	0	100
Sandwich,	August, 1814	Vacant.			8	24	32	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
North Sandwich,	July 5, 1832	Vacant.			10	12	22	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	00
Thornton,	1780	Vacant.			4	5	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Total, 13.		Vacant Churches, 6.	Pastors, 7.		290	589	879	179	12	15	27	16	13	1	30	7	4	934

WITHOUT CHARGE. John Clark, Bridgewater, ordained 1835; Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained December 23, 1840; John A. Thyng, Fisherville, ordained ....

CHARLES BURNHAM, Meredith, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page	Sept. 1835	S. S.	30	70	100	21	17	2	19	1	3	2	6	10	1	111
Auburn	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	24	44	68	12	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	100
Bedford, Pres.	1750	Thomas Savage	Aug. 9, 1822	July 5, 1826	75	125	200	5	53	4	57	3	2	0	5	25	3	200
Candia,	1770	Ephraim N. Hidden	1841	Nov. 2, 1859	81	137	218	27	3	2	5	5	0	2	7	1	3	185
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. Logan Tomlinson	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	54	110	164	22	2	10	12	7	2	0	9	0	0	141
Deerfield,	1766	J. M. Lord	1851	S. S.	43	73	116	25	0	0	0	6	7	0	13	0	0	75
Derry, 1st Ch.	1719	Leonard S. Parker	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	64	133	197	49	4	3	7	7	3	0	10	3	2	250
Derry, 1st Cong. Ch.	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	27	102	129	22	6	0	6	4	0	1	5	3	1	100
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	Sylvanus Hayward	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	38	73	111	19	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	175
Goffstown,	1801	J. W. Ray	Jan. 28, 1858	Jan. 28, 1858	43	93	136	39	2	0	2	5	2	0	7	2	1	180
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt	June 21, 1859	June 21, 1859	19	60	79	12	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	2	118
Hooksett,	1828	M. Leffingwell	July 7, 1844	S. S.	12	28	40	17	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	70
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	A. Richards	.....	S. S.	8	36	44	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55
Litchfield, Pres.	July 3, 1844	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	11	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Londonderry, Pres.	1735	William House	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	83	142	225	30	50	0	50	4	1	0	5	25	13	220
Manchester, 1st Ch.	1838	C. W. Wallace	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	124	328	452	95	65	24	89	5	9	0	14	35	5	617
Franklin St. Ch.	June 27, 1844	W. H. Fenn	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	72	553	325	100	53	5	58	0	4	0	4	36	2	410
Christian Mis. Ch.	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.	.....	.....	8	27	35	23	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	00
Presbyterian Ch.	Nov. 9, 1859	Geo. A. Bowman	Aug. 8, 1848	S. S. 1859	7	20	27	4	7	1	8	2	0	0	2	3	0	40
Merrimack, 1st Ch.	Sept. 5, 1771	E. J. Hart	Jan. 2, 1856	Jan. 2, 1856	57	114	171	32	25	3	28	4	3	0	7	13	2	220
Pelham, 1st Cong.	Nov. 13, 1771	Augustus Berry	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	64	88	17	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	180
Plaistow, & N. Hav.	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows	June 1, 1836	S. S. 1859	24	70	94	10	11	1	12	4	4	0	8	7	1	67
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers	April, 1850	S. S.	21	69	90	11	5	0	5	3	1	1	5	4	0	113
Windham, Pres.	1742	Loren Thayer	Nov. 5, 1845	Nov. 5, 1845	50	108	158	11	36	0	36	7	1	0	8	14	10	218
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THEODORE C. PRATT, Hampstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

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Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	M. S. Severance	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	37	82	119	18	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	3	150
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			13	27	40	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	26	58	84	18	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	2	0	90
Canterbury,	Oct. 12, 1790	J. L. Armes	June 25, 1846	S. S.	41	56	97	19	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	125
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	63	170	233	30	6	3	9	3	3	0	6	2	1	180
Concord, East	March 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	30	68	98	16	5	3	8	5	1	0	6	1	0	85
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	105	222	327	38	3	2	5	6	3	0	9	2	2	475
Concord, West	April, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June, 1828	April 23, 1823	62	129	191	31	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	2	150
Danbury,	1800	L. Little	Nov. 19, 1862	S. S.	31	38	69	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	65
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	30	64	94	5	8	2	10	1	1	0	2	2	0	231
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	W. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	90	134	43	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	45	119	164	48	4	0	4	6	0	0	6	3	1	150
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	16	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. W. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	79	107	186	23	10	0	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	108
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	40	87	127	31	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	170
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	U. W. Condit	Oct. 14, 1850	March 15, 1864	24	57	81	7	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	1	1	68
Northfield, Sanb'tn	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	50	127	177	37	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	1	170
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington		S. S.	27	62	89	6	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	1	1	140
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	87	140	26	0	0	0	8	1	0	9	0	4	200
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	19	33	52	4	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	70
Total, 21.		Vacant Ch'hs, 3.	Pastors, 12.	S. S., 5. W. C., 5.	830	1703	2533	422	56	32	88	44	32	0	76	22	19	2827

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord; ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833.

LICENTIATES. Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, Oct. 18, 1858; Henry S. Huntington, Warner.

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4. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Scho'ls.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	P r.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	68	151	219	23	9	3	12	5	2	0	7	7	2	225
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin	Apr. 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	25	37	62	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	150
Hollis,	June, 1743	Pliny B. Day	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	74	135	209	16	1	0	1	7	3	0	10	1	0	260
Mason, 1st Ch.	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin	Feb. 27, 1839	April 18, 1860	41	59	100	25	2	0	2	9	0	0	9	0	1	121
Mason, 2d Ch.	June 3, 1847	Vacant.	.....	.....	28	58	86	14	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	90
Merrimack, South	Oct. 21, 1829	Ed. F. Abbott	August, 1844	S. S.	9	23	32	17	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	61
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	83	203	286	48	2	8	10	7	2	0	9	1	1	403
Mont-Vernon,	Sept. 1780	G. E. Sanborne	Jan. 1, 1857	April 2, 1862	36	93	129	29	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	3	2	150
Nashua, 1st Ch.	1685	Vacant.	.....	.....	87	353	440	88	5	0	5	7	9	0	16	3	5	506
Olive Street Ch.	Oct. 26, 1834	A. Richards, D. D. G. D. Pike	Nov. 7, 1827 April 23, 1862	Apr. 6, 1836 Ap. 23, 1862	78	179	257	.28	5	5	10	5	2	0	7	4	1	274
Pearl Street Ch.	Sept. 3, 1846	Benj. F. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	53	141	194	35	5	9	14	1	10	2	13	4	0	123
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler	Mar. 12, 1862	Mar. 12, 1862	74	167	241	25	6	6	12	8	5	0	13	3	3	180
Rindge,	Dec. 1765	A. W. Burnham, D.D	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	68	121	189	12	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	1	5	300
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Geo. Goodyear	July 22, 1828	April 25, 1855	38	69	107	17	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	1	160
East-Wilton,	May 16, 1823	D. E. Adams	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	40	83	123	21	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	0	165
Total, 15.		Vacant Ch'hes, 2. Pastors, 13. S. S., 1. W. C., 4.			802	1872	2674	379	44	35	79	70	38	2	110	28	21	3168

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; E. M. Kellogg, Barre, Mass., ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, Brookline, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

5. HOPKINTON.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Fr.	Let.	Tot.	Dj.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.	.....	.....	4	6	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	M. S. Severance	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	37	82	119	18	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	3	150
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	13	27	40	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	26	58	84	18	3	0	3	2	3	0	5	2	0	90
Canterbury,	Oct. 12, 1790	J. L. Armes	June 25, 1846	S. S.	41	56	97	19	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	125
Concord, First	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.	March 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	63	170	233	30	6	3	9	3	3	0	6	2	1	180
Concord, East	March 20, 1842	E. O. Jameson	March 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	30	68	98	16	5	3	8	5	1	0	6	1	0	85
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker	March 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	105	222	327	38	3	2	5	6	3	0	9	2	2	475
Concord, West	April, 1833	A. P. Tenney	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	62	129	191	31	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	0	2	150
Danbury,	1800	L. Little	Nov. 19, 1862	S. S.	31	38	69	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	65
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	W. R. Jewett	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	30	64	94	5	8	2	10	1	1	0	2	2	0	231
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	W. T. Savage	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	90	134	43	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	200
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	45	119	164	48	4	0	4	6	0	0	6	3	1	150
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.	.....	.....	7	16	23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	E. W. Cook	Nov. 18, 1846	March 6, 1861	79	107	186	23	10	0	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	108
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	L. Goodrich	Jan. 1, 1850	May 13, 1857	40	87	127	31	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	170
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	U. W. Condit	Oct. 14, 1850	March 15, 1864	24	57	81	7	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	1	1	68
Northfield, Sanb'tn	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	50	127	177	37	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	1	170
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington	.....	S. S.	27	62	89	6	3	4	7	2	1	0	3	1	1	140
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton	April 19, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	87	140	26	0	0	0	8	1	0	9	0	4	200
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	19	33	52	4	2	4	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	70
Total, 21.		Vacant Ch'hs, 3. Pastors, 12. S. S., 5. W. C., 5.			830	1703	2533	422	56	32	88	44	32	0	76	22	19	2827

Without Charge. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord; ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833.

Licentiates. Henry E. Sawyer, Concord, Oct. 18, 1858; Henry S. Huntington, Warner.

E. O. Jameson, East Concord, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

6. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'm.		Sabb'h Scho'rs.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bethlehem,.....	October, 1802	John Le Bosquet,..	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S., 1864	7	16	23	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	6	0	0	85
Colebrook,.....	Nov. 30, 1802	C. F. Page,.....	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S., 1863	19	37	56	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Dalton,...	April 28, 1816	D. McClenning,....	April 29, 1862	S. S.	9	16	25	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	86
Franconia,.....	April, 1814	John Le Bosquet,..	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S., 1864	5	9	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
Gorham,.....	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S.,	6	24	30	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	65
Lancaster,.....	Sept. 23, 1836	Prescott Fay,.....	Feb. 27, 1856	Feb. 27, 1856	43	83	126	8	6	0	0	4	2	0	6	6	0	243
Shelburne,.....	1818	Vacant.	.....	.....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60
West Stewartstown	July 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	6	14	20	2	5	0	5	0	4	0	5	3	1	20
Total, 8.		Vacant Churches, 2. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			95	203	289	26	14	1	15	8	1	1	21	10	1	634

HOSEA ALDRICH, Esq., Colebrook, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

8. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Bath,.....	1784	Geo. Smith,.....	1853	S. S.	27	85	112	24	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	75
Canaan,.....	1803	Vacant.	.....	.....	5	16	21	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00
Dorchester,.....	May 20, 1828	Increase S. Davis, .	Oct. 9, 1828	S. S.	5	10	15	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	00
Haverhill,.....	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson..	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858.	58	137	195	40	10	9	19	7	2	0	9	7	2	160
Hanover Center,...	May 16, 1810	B. Smith,.....	May 13, 1829	S. S.	32	68	100	30	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	105
Lyme,.....	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney, D.D.	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	149	274	423	112	7	1	8	14	6	0	20	3	0	210
Littleton,.....	1803	Charles E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	109	142	23	10	6	16	1	0	0	1	6	2	200
Orford, West,.....	Apr. 30, 1822	M. T. Runnells,....	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.	20	50	70	23	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	2	135
Orford, Union.....	Aug. 27, 1770	J. T. Closson,.....	.....	S.S.Nov.3, '63	21	951	72	24	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	75
Piermont,.....	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,.....	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	54	94	48	25	14	3	17	2	0	1	3	10	3	110
Wentworth,.....	Sept. 21, 1830	J. B. Hadley,.....	Sept 20, 1838	S. S.	12	50	62	6	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	125
Total, 11.		Vacant, 1. Pastors, 3. S. S., 6. Licentiate, 1.			416	949	1365	311	44	23	67	35	20	10	36	28	9	1195

WITHOUT CHARGE. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1816, S. M. Blanchard, Wentworth, ordained Oct. 22, 1863, D. D., LL. D., President Dartmouth College, ordained Nov. 2, 1834.

JOHN D. EMERSON

7. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	
Alstead, 1st Ch.	1778	D. Sawyer	May 13, 1846	S. S. 1860	16	32	48	24	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	78
Alstead, Paper Mill	1842	Darwin Adams	July 16, 1828	S. S. 1860	4	12	16	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	45
Alstead, New	1788	A. J. Fosdick	June 22, 1864	June 22, 1864	26	46	72	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Chesterfield,	1777	J. Hall	June 5, 1833	S. S. 1858	7	26	33	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Dublin,	June 10, 1772	Oscar Bissell	May 4, 1856	S. S. 1861	7	21	28	5	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	40
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	49	105	154	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	260
Gilsum,	1772	Vacant.			12	27	39	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	70
Harrisville,	Sept. 22, 1840	L. Marshall	Oct. 8, 1856	April 1, 1864	10	30	40	19	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	147
Hinsdale,	*1763	M. H. Wells	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	47	80	127	13	3	5	8	4	1	0	5	2	2	164
Jaffrey,	1780	J. S. Batchelder	Oct. 20, 1858	Oct. 20, 1858	32	84	116	27	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	160
Jaffrey, East	1850	Cyrus W. Allen	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S. 1863	24	48	72	19	4	6	10	1	0	0	1	2	0	96
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow J. A. Hamilton	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	70	281	351	25	16	8	24	9	1	0	10	10	7	589
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	28	72	100	23	2	2	4	3	2	0	5	2	0	180
Nelson,	1781	Jairus Ordway	April 26, 1848	S. S. 1861	47	76	123	29	15	2	17	1	1	0	2	8	2	170
Roxbury,		J. Willson		S. S.	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	6	29	35	8	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	00
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stowe	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	26	50	76	8	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	0	0	112
Swanzey,	1741	Vacant.			18	46	64	9	0	3	3	2	3	0	5	0	0	152
Surry,	1769	Vacant.			2	12	14	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70
Troy,	1815	M. A. Chandler		S. S.	18	32	50	19	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	60
Walpole,	1761	Vacant.			18	76	94	20	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	85
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby	June 30, 1853	S. S.	28	69	97	26	0	2	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	80
" Evang.	Feb. 19, 1852	Wm. Claggett	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S. 1864	5	21	26	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	57	104	161	31	4	2	6	6	3	0	10	3	6	260
Total, 24.		Vacant Churches, 4. Pastors, 8. S. S., 11.			551	1389	1940	348	52	43	95	44	25	1	70	33	19	3133

* Reorganized 1821.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 18, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1831; Franklin D. Austin, South Royalton, Mass., ordained June 23, 1853; Moses Gerould, Stoddard, ordained May, 1828.

LICENTIATE. A. F. Shattuck, Surry.

JOHN P. HUMPHREY, Winchester, *Scribe*. J. A. HAMILTON, Keene, *Statistical Scribe*.

9. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	De.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	uf.	
Barrington,	June 8, 1855	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. Sept. 1859	13	33	46	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	70
Brentwood,	Nov., 1856	Hugh McLeod,	Jan., 1858	Jan., 1858	19	43	62	9	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	1	0	115
Dover, 1st church,	Jan. 7, 1639	Vacant.	.....	.....	61	209	270	43	27	5	32	7	6	0	13	17	4	241
Dover, Belknap ch.	Sept. 3, 1856	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	49	61	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	52	64	10	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	75
Exeter, 1st church,	1698	Elias Nason,	May 5, 1852	Nov. 22, 1860	45	130	175	38	7	4	11	6	1	0	7	3	0	155
*Exeter, 2d church,	Jan., 1744	Vacant.	.....	.....	33	106	139	5	0	2	2	3	3	0	6	0	0	288
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 5, 1844	S. S. June, 1857	14	30	44	4	9	2	11	2	0	0	2	7	2	108
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent	Apr. 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	7	32	39	6	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	117
Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	H. Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854	May 23, 1861	64	159	223	26	34	12	46	2	6	0	8	20	0	264
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	15	51	66	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	69
Hampton,	1638	James B. Thornton,	June 4, 1851	S. S. June, 1864	57	109	166	25	0	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	85
H. Falls & Seabrook	1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	12	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1838	June 30, 1864	6	23	29	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	5	110
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	10	36	46	5	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	130
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	Sept. 29, 1825	S. S., 1846	9	30	39	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
Newmarket,	March 7, 1828	S. D. Bowker,	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S., 1863	21	40	61	22	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	130
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	John O. Barrows,	June 9, 1864	June 9, 1864	58	93	151	22	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	180
Portsmouth,	1671	George M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	81	238	319	55	20	10	30	5	6	1	12	9	7	284
Raymond,	1793	Geo. W. Sargent,	Dec. 21, 1859	Dec. 21, 1859	62	88	151	16	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	124
Rochester,	1737	Vacant.	May 23, 1854	Apr. 26, 1859	22	107	129	0	15	1	16	6	1	0	7	12	3	100
Rye,	July 10, 1726	Israel T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	26	72	98	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.	.....	.....	18	69	87	53	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	5	134
South-Newmarket,	1730	Elias Chapman,	Nov. 25, 1845	S. S. Dec. 1862	10	21	31	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	60
Stratham,	1746	Vacant.	.....	.....	15	36	51	10	1	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	80
Total 25.		Vacant Churches, 6. Pastors, 13. S. S., 6.			703	1883	2586	389	137	44	181	59	34	1	94	87	32	3282

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840.

LICENTIATE. Mason Moore, preaches at Lee.

EDWARD ROBIE, Greenland, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

10. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Chuches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Acworth,.....	Mar. 23, 1778	Amos Foster,.....	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	55	93	148	21	0	5	5	12	6	1	19	0	4	125
Charlestown,.....	Aug. 1, 1835	S. G. Tenney,.....	1825	S. S.,	9	39	48	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
Claremont,.....	1780	Edward W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	59	170	229	80	0	14	14	4	5	0	9	0	0	200
Cornish,.....	Sept. 29, 1768	Alvah Spaulding,..	Oct. 1, 1835	Oct. 1, 1835	25	38	63	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	80
Croydon,.....	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.	.....	.....	9	16	25	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Goshen,.....	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.	.....	.....	12	21	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Enfield,.....	May 30, 1826	Frank Haley,.....	Oct. 7, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	10	19	29	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Langdon,.....	Jan. 6, 1820	Vacant.	April 25, 1860	S. S.,	9	26	35	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	65
Lebanon,.....	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	45	100	145	4	0	0	2	2	4	0	6	2	6	125
Lempster,.....	Nov. 13, 1781	Vacant.	.....	.....	33	47	80	27	2	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	50
Lempster, 2d Ch.,..	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	15	25	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60
Meriden,.....	May 2, 1780	Amos Blanchard,..	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	41	61	102	20	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	100
Newport,.....	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	141	212	51	5	2	7	6	2	0	8	1	6	180
Plainfield,.....	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.	.....	.....	3	13	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Washington.....	May 4, 1789	John F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828	S. S.,	2	24	26	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40
Total, 15.		Vacant Churches, 5. Pastors, 7. S. S., 3.			384	807	1191	266	8	23	31	38	19	1	59	4	16	1185

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained December 27, 1820; Elihu T. Rowe, Meriden, ordained May, 1844.

LICENTIATES. Cyrus Richards, Meriden; ——— Catlin, Meriden, licensed November, 1863; Abel Wood, Meriden.

CHARLES A. DOWNS, Lebanon, *Scribe*. HENRY CUMMINGS, Newport, *Statistical Scribe*

11. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath Schools.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Barnstead,.....	July 23, 1804	William O. Carr,..	Feb. 13, 1861	S.S.Sept.1, '60	71	107	178	64	3	0	3	4	1	0	5	3	1	145
Chichester,.....	1791	Mark Gould,.....	.....	.....	37	57	94	30	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50
Epsom,.....	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,..	May 29, 1855	S. S., 1860	30	47	77	6	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	85
Gilmanton, 1st Ch.,	1774	Vacant.	.....	.....	10	22	32	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00
Gilmanton I. W'ks,	Sept. 20, 1830	D. B. Bradford,....	June 13, 1838	S.S.Aug.1, '62	31	59	90	20	6	0	6	1	0	4	5	5	0	75
Loudon,.....	Jan. 28, 1863	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.July 1, '62	21	50	71	10	4	20	24	3	2	0	5	5	0	104
Northwood,.....	Nov. 29, 1798	Vacant.	Dec. 29, 1858	Dec. 29, 1858	46	85	131	14	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	1	1	164
Nottingham,.....	1840	Jacob Hood,.....	Nov. 16, 1859	Nov. 16, 1858	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Pittsfield,.....	Nov. 17, 1789	Vacant.	.....	.....	52	102	154	54	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	0	1	00
Total, 9.		Vacant Churches, 3. Pastors, 1. S. S., 5.			300	532	832	219	13	21	34	24	12	4	40	14	3	693

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jeremiah Blake, M. D., Pittsfield, ordained November 1, 1838; Rufus A. Putnam, Pembroke; Enoch Corser, Boscawen, ordained March, 1817; Joshua S. Gay, Chichester, ordained January 27, 1848.

WILLIAM O. CARR, Barnstead, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

16. [illegible]

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Antrim, Pres.	1788	J. H. Bates,	March 16, 1853	March 16, 1853	50	103	153	9	8	4	12	2	1	0	3	6	4	170
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Ira Morey,	August, 1849	S.S., Feb., 1864	14	30	44	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	March, 1845	S.S. Aug., 1863	8	30	38	5	0	1	11	1	1	0	2	0	0	75
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	93	180	273	51	11	3	4	1	1	0	11	3	4	380
Greenfield, Cong.	Nov. 20, 1839	Rufus Case,	May 5, 1842	S.S. May, 1864	48	74	122	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	169
Greenfield, Evang.	Jan. 7, 1834	Rufus Case,*	May 5, 1842	S.S. May, 1864	34	63	97	20	0	3	3	3	3	0	6	2	2	
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	Asahel Bigelow,	March 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	58	92	150	22	0	4	4	3	1	0	4	1	1	290
Hillsboro' Bridge	May 29, 1839	Harry Brickett,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S., 1857	18	57	75	7	2	2	4	5	0	0	5	1	3	110
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S., 1861	16	34	50	8	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	40
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	51	66	117	16	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	2	170
New-Boston, Pres.	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	27	78	115	17	23	1	24	2	0	2	4	8	6	200
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	April 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	39	86	115	7	17	1	18	1	2	0	3	0	2	225
Total, 12.			Pastors, 6.	S. S., 5.	456	893	1339	179	62	21	83	33	14	2	48	21	26	1919

WITHOUT CHARGE. Samuel C. Bradford, Francestown, June, 1822.

*The two churches in Greenfield worship together the present year.

CHARLES CUTLER, Francestown, *Scribe and Statistical Scribe.*

13. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem. July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sabbath School.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Pr.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	
Dartmouth College,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1850	July 10, 1861	107	144	251	125	8	3	11	4	8	0	12	3	0	126
West Lebanon,	Nov. 8, 1849	John H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	32	60	92	15	7	4	11	4	2	0	6	6	3	155
Total, 2.*		Vacant Churches, 0. Pastors, 2.			139	204	343	140	15	7	22	8	10	0	18	9	3	281

WITHOUT CHARGE. Prof. Charles A. Aiken, S. G. Brown, D. D., Prof. Henry Fairbanks, D. J. Noyes, D. D., David Kimball.

JOHN H. EDWARDS, West-Lebanon, *Acting Statistical Scribe.*

*Associated with ten churches in Vermont.

SUMMARY.

Associations.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems., July 1, 1864.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sabbath School.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W.C.	Total.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Total.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Total.	Ad.	Inf.	
1. Belknap,	6	13	7	0	3	10	0	290	589	879	179	12	15	27	16	13	1	30	7	4	934
2. Derry & Mach'r	2	24	15	7	2	24	0	992	2290	3282	607	342	62	404	75	49	6	130	182	48	3770
3. Harmony,	5	11	1	4	1	6	0	164	427	591	112	16	4	20	24	9	5	38	12	12	762
4. Hollis,	2	15	13	1	4	18	0	802	1872	2674	379	44	35	79	70	38	2	110	28	21	3168
5. Hopkinton,	3	21	12	5	5	22	2	830	1703	2533	422	56	32	88	44	32	0	76	22	19	2827
6. Lancaster,	2	0	1	5	0	6	0	95	203	298	26	14	1	15	8	12	1	21	10	1	634
7. Monadnock,	4	24	8	11	4	23	1	551	1389	1940	348	52	43	95	44	25	1	70	33	19	3133
8. Orange,	1	11	4	6	3	13	0	416	949	1365	311	44	23	67	35	20	1	56	28	9	1195
9. Piscataqua,	6	25	13	6	3	22	1	703	1883	2586	389	137	44	181	59	34	1	94	87	32	3282
10. Sullivan,	5	15	7	3	2	12	3	384	807	1191	266	8	23	31	38	19	1	58	4	16	1165
11. Suncook,	3	9	1	5	4	10	0	300	522	832	219	13	21	34	24	12	4	40	14	3	693
12. Union,	0	12	6	5	1	12	0	456	893	1349	179	62	21	83	33	14	2	49	21	26	1919
13. White River,	0	2	2	0	5	7	0	139	204	343	140	15	7	22	8	10	0	18	9	3	281
Total, 13.	39	190	90	58	37	185	7	6122	13741	19863	3577*	815	131	1146	478	287	25	790	455	213	23783

*Absentees are not additional to the total, being included in males and females.

CATALOGUE

:regational and Presbyterian Ministers of New-Hampshire,
eir Post-Office address, and the number of the District
ociation in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Bristol. 5.
'd F., South Merrimack. 4.
E., Wilton. 4.
n, Paper Mill Village. 7.
ı M., Portsmouth. 9.
Hillsborough Center. 12.
A., Hanover. 13.
Newcastle. 9.
V., East Jaffrey. 7.
, Wilmot. 5.
L., Canterbury. 5.
ı D., Milford. 4.
niel, Wakefield. 8.
ıer, Plaistow. 2.
kiah S., D. D., Keene. 7.
., Pres., Antrim. 12.
'd B., Westmoreland. 7.
ı, Center-Harbor. 1.
us, Pelham. 2.
el, Hancock. 12.
Dublin. 7.
ıtmoreland. 7.
ıh, Pittsfield. 11.
Gilmanton Center. 11.
y, Campton. 3.
ıos, Merriden, 10.
as M., Wentworth. 8.
ıniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
es, Sanbornton. 1.
A., Pres., Manchester. 2.
, Newmarket. 9.
ıuel C., Francestown. 12.
ı B., Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 11.
y, Hillsborough Bridge. 7.
l G., D. D., Hanover. 13.
os W., D. D., Rindge. 4.
rles, Meredith. 1
rd, Webster. 5.
Barnstead Parade. 11.
reenfield. 12.
ıs, South Newmarket. 9.
ıus B., Lyndeborough. 12.
, Westmoreland. 7.
ridgewater. 1.
ı, Amherst. 4.
W., Claremont. 10.
Orford. 8.
t C., Pres., New-Boston. 12.
Hebron. 1
V., Salisbury. 8.
Hopkinton. 5.
, Boscawen. 11.
ıry, Newport. 10.
cob, Exeter. 9.
n, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
New-Ipswich. 4.

Cutler, Charles, Francestown. 12.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 9.
Davis, Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., Hollis. 4.
Doldt, James, Milton. 8.
Davis, Increase S., Dorchester. 8.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 10.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 7.
Dustan, George, Peterborough. 12.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 13.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 9.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 8.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 13.
Fay, Henry C., West Northwood. 11.
Fay, Prescott, Lancaster. 6.
Fenn, William H., Manchester. 2.
Fiske, Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster, Amos, Acworth. 10.
Fosdick, A. J., New Alstead. 7.
Gay, Joshua S., Chichester. 11.
Gaylord, William L., Fitzwilliam. 7.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard. 7.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 7.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 7.
Goodrich, Lewis, Pembroke. 5.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester, 11.
Griswold, John F., Washington. 10.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 1.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Center. 8.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 12.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 7.
Haley, Frank, Enfield. 10.
Hamilton, John A., Keene. 7.
Hart, Edwin J., Reed's Ferry, Merrimack. 2
Hayward, Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 2.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 1.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 2.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 2.
Hood, Jacob, Nottingham. 11.
Hood, J. Augustine, Loudon Center. 11.
House, William, Pres., Londonderry. 2.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 7.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Jameson, E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 7.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Jones, Isaac, Derry. 2.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 13.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 8.

Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 3.
LeBosquet, John, Bethlehem. 6.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 13.
Lee, Samuel, New-Ipswich.
Leffingwell, Marvin, Hooksett. 2.
Little, Levi, Danbury. 5.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 8.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 7.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 8.
Marshall, Lyman, Harrisville. 12.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Brentwood. 9.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 9.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 6.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
McClenning, Daniel, Dalton. 6.
Nason, Elias, Exeter. 9.
Morey, Ira, Bennington. 12.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 13.
Ordway, Jairus, Nelson. 7.
Otis, Israel T., Rye. 9.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 2.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 6.
Park, H.G., Hancock.
Parker, Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 2.
Parsons, Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 2.
Peffers, A. B., Epsom. 11.
Pike, Gustavus D., Nashua. 4.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 2.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 11.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 2.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Riddell, Samuel H., Tamworth. 3.
Rogers, George W., Salem. 2.
Roble, Edward, Greenland 9.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 7.
Rowe, Elihu T., Meriden. 10.
Runnells, Moses T., Orford. 8.
Sanborne, George E., Mont-Vernon. 4.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 9.
Sargent, George W., Raymond. 9.
Savage, Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 2.
Savage, William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Sawyer, Daniel, Alstead. 7.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 10.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 8.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 7.
Spaulding, Alvah, Cornish. 10.
Severance, M. S., Boscawen. 5.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 9.
Stone, Benjamin P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 7.
Tenney, Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney, Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 8.
Tewksbury, George F., Gorham. 6.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 8.
Thompson, George W., Stratham. 9.
Thornton, James B., Hampton. 9.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 2.
Thyng, John H., Fisherville. 5.
Tobey, Alvan, Durham. 9.
Tuxbury, Franklin, Exeter. 9.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., Manchester. 2.
Wells, Moses H., Hinsdale. 7.
White, Seneca, Amherst.
Willey, Charles, Barrington. 9.
Willey, Isaac, Goffstown. 2.
Wilson, John G., Keene. 7.
Wood, Horace, Ossipee Corner. 3.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 3.
Young, John K., D. D., Laconia. 1.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

HELD AT NEWPORT, AUGUST, 1865,

WITH THE

PASTORAL LETTER,

THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION,

AND THE

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1866.

Annual Meeting at Dover, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Preacher of the opening sermon from the Sullivan Association.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Lyndeborough, and Rev. Charles Cutler of Francestown.

Committee to prepare Pastoral Letter, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, of Henniker, and Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of Dunbarton.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec 4., Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, of Tamworth, Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, and Hon. G. M. Herring, of Farmington.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Wm. T. Savage; substitute, Rev. J. G. Davis.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; Dea. Asa Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 7 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 36 churches; 31 Cong.; 5 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk; George Swain, Esq., Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, Clerk; George Hutchins, Esq., Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 31 churches: 30 Cong.; 1 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter, Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 29 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq. Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire assembled at the Congregational church in Newport, on Tuesday, August 22d, A. D. 1865, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, from Mark 9 : 38–41.

After the sermon, the preacher took the chair. Credentials of Delegates were presented, and the following members were enrolled:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. John H. Thyng, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. Sylvanus Hayward, Rev. Leonard S. Parker.

Hollis—Rev. D. E. Adams, Rev. Wm. Clark.

Hopkinton—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. E. Buxton, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

Monadnock—Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. Wm. Claggett, Rev. Moses Gerould.

Orange—Rev. M. T. Runnells, Rev. John D. Emerson.

Piscataqua—Rev. Avery S. Walker, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Rev. I. T. Otis.

Sullivan—Rev. Amos Foster, Rev. E. W. Clark.

Suncook—Rev. A. B. Peffers.

Union—Rev. Geo. Dustan, Rev. E. B. Claggett.

White River—Rev. J. H. Edwards.

LAYMEN FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. Amherst Hayward, Gilsum.

Grafton—Dea. Isaac Crosby, Hebron; Dea. W. G. Brown, Campton.

Hillsborough—Dea. Abiel Chase, Milford.

Merrimack—Bro. Robert E. Hale, Henniker; Bro. Parsons Whidden, M. D., Sanbornton Bridge.

Rockingham—Dea. Charles Robinson, jr., Portsmouth; Bro. A. Emerson.

Strafford—Dea. Joshua P. Ayers, Wolfborough.

Sullivan—Bro. E. L. Goddard, Claremont.

FROM FOREIGN BODIES.

General Association of New-York—Rev. Absolam Peters, D. D., New-York.

General Assembly Pres. Church, N. S.—Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., Philadelphia.

New-Hampshire Conference of the M. E. Church—Rev. C. M. Dinsmore, Newport.

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Rev. Henry Cummings, Newport; Rev. Josiah G. Davis, Secre-

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tary, Amherst; Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary, Fisherville; Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Rev. A. Tobey, Rev. E. Robie, members of committees reporting to this body.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. Amos Foster, Moderator; Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Scribe; Rev. M. T. Runnells, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Henry Cummings, Newport, Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, in place of Rev. Amos Blanchard, Meriden, S. B. Duncan, Esq., Meriden, were chosen Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. A. Tobey, Dea. Abial Chase, in place of Dea. James French, and Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, were appointed Committee on Nominations.

After prayer by Rev. E. W. Clark, the Association adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Bouton, a committee of three were appointed to consider the expediency of altering the 1st and 2d articles of sec. 7 of the constitution of this body. The committee were, Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. E. B. Claggett and Dr. Whidden.

At 2 o'clock, the Association entered upon the regular service of the afternoon. After singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Tobey, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, and the Pastoral Letter by Rev. E. Robie.

Voted, That all clergymen and lay members of our churches present, be invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

Revs. J. W. Ray and L. S. Parker addressed the Association touching the state of religion and the cause of temperance in our communities. Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D. presented the salutations of the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, N. S. Rev. A. Peters, D. D. spoke in behalf of the General Association of New-York. Rev. C. M. Dinsmore, delegate of the N. H. Conference of the Methodist E. Church, presented the salutations of that body. Rev. Dr. Bouton and the Moderator followed in addresses.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary, viz: from the General Conference of Maine; the General Convention of Vermont; the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. N. G. Morrison, upon invitation, spoke in behalf of the General Association of Mich.

On motion of Rev. J. G. Davis, a committee of three, consisting of Rev. A. Tobey, Rev. J. G. Davis, and Rev. J. P. Humphrey, were appointed to consider the subject of publishing the Minutes of this body and the Report of the N. H. Missionary Society under the same cover.

Rev. Sylvanus Hayward was substituted for Rev. E. W. Cook on the committee on Nominations the present year.

After prayer by Rev. Dr. Bouton, adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., August 23d.

Tuesday Evening. Religious services, conducted by the Moderator. Questions—How shall we make the meetings of this Association most profitable (1) to ourselves; (2) to the friends of this place who entertain us; (3) to our several churches through the State? Remarks made by Rev. E. E. Adams, D. D., Philadelphia, Rev. A. Peters, D. D. of New-York, Rev. Lyman Marshall of Harrisville, Mr. John E. Vassar, a lay preacher in the army, and others. Prayers offered by Rev. Wm. Warren of the A. B. C. F. M. and Rev. Mr. Rockwood of the Am. Tract Society, N. Y. Closed by the Doxology.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 23, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Ray. The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe. Delegates to foreign bodies last year, made their reports.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett made a report on the finances of the Association, which was accepted.

Rev. A. Tobey, from the committee previously appointed, reported on the manner of publishing the Minutes of this body—accepted, and after amendment adopted as follows: 1st. That the two documents, the Minutes and the Report of the N. H. Missionary Society, be published together under one cover. 2d. That they be published as one number of the *Christian Reporter* should that be found practicable on consultion with the publisher. 3d. That 400 copies additional be published for distribution apart from the circulation of the Reporter. 4th. That the expense of publication be divided proportionally between the Association and the N. H. Missionary Society.

After singing, the Association gave attention to reports from various benevolent societies. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D. made report of the finances of the N. H. Bible Society, and Rev. Wm. T. Savage made an address in behalf of the same. Rev. S. W. Hanks presented the claims of the Seaman's Friend Society. Rev. Dr. Childs spoke in aid of the American Tract Society, Boston. Rev. L. B. Rockwood appeared in behalf of the American Tract Society, New-York, who was followed by Mr. John E. Vassar on the same Society. Rev. Wm. Warren spoke in behalf of the American Board. Rev. N. J. Morrison addressed the Association in behalf of the Olivet College, Mich. The exercises closed with singing, and prayer by President Smith.

Rev. Wm. T. Savage and Dr. Bouton were chosen a committee to report resolutions on benevolent action and the moral and religious state of the country.

The Association then voted that $200 be raised by assessment upon the Conferences connected with this body for the appropriations

of the ensuing year, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum sufficient to pay the existing debt.

Dr. Bouton, from the committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering the 1st and 2d articles of the 7th sec. of the constitution, presented his report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: 1. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of one minister, one layman and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who, with the Secretary, shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the chairman shall decline to present any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association. 2. A committee of three, called a Committee on Nominations, shall be appointed to designate an Auditor and make all nominations not otherwise provided for.

After prayer by Rev. S. Hayward, the Association adjourned to 20 minutes before 2 o'clock P. M.

1.40 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. Mr. Tobey, from the Committee on Nominations, named Dover as the place of the next meeting.

L. D. Stevens, Esq., Concord, was appointed Auditor of the Association.

Voted, That the publishing committee adopt the recommendation of the Statistical Secretary in the Minutes of last year, Nos. 1 and 2, viz.: "1. Let the ecclesiastical year begin with June and end with the 31st of May. 2. Let the reports of the Widows' Charitable Fund, and of the Treasurer, be made to the Association *in detail*, and suitably audited, but publish only the officers and amount of funds belonging to the former, and only a summary of receipts and expenditures by the latter."

The Association then attended to the report of the committee on the subject of a religious publication in New-Hampshire.

Voted, To recommit the subject to the same committee.

The Association gave place to the exercises of the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society. Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., President, in the chair. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Clark. After singing, the report of the N. H. Branch of the American Education Society was read by Rev. J. H. Edwards, for Rev. S. P. Leeds, Secretary. Rev. Dr. Bouton then gave the 50th report of the Widows' Charitable Fund, which was accepted. The further consideration of the Widows' Fund was deferred to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. The cause of the Education Society was resumed. In that connection Rev. J. G. Davis presented a series of resolutions, which, after discussion and amendment, were substantially adopted as follows:

"Whereas, in view of the urgent demand for ministers of the gospel, both at home and abroad, and the greatly diminished supply, we are especially called upon both to offer such prayer as the Lord

of the harvest has appointed and to do works according therewith; and whereas, in the one college of our State there are ordinarily, worthy young men studying for the ministry who need pecuniary aid; therefore—

Resolved, 1. That this Association cordially approves the plan adopted by the Grafton County Conference, of founding a scholarship of $1000 in Dartmouth College to be called "The Grafton Scholarship," the income of which is to be appropriated from time to time to a deserving and needy student for the ministry.

Resolved, 2. That it is recommended to each of the other Conferences to provide a similar foundation.

Resolved, 3. That a committee of two be appointed for each Conference, the first of whom to act as Treasurer, who shall be charged with the duty of bringing the subject before the churches of their respective Conferences.

Resolved, 4. That we would recommend that the income of each scholarship be appropriated to some suitable applicant connected with a church belonging to the Conference which establishes it, or in default of an application from that Conference, to a student from some other church in connection with this Association, and in case no application is made from the churches the income shall be appropriated to the education of such student as the Faculty of the college may select.

The Association then proceeded to the Sabbath School cause. The exercises were introduced with singing by the children and with prayer by Rev. E. B. Claggett. The children present were addressed by Rev. S. W. Hanks, Dea. Charles Robinson, Jr., Rev. L. S. Parker, Pres. Smith and J. E. Vassar. The meeting closed with singing by the children and with the benediction by Dr. Bouton. After prayer by Rev. J. D. Emerson, adjourned to 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

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7 1-2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association met according to adjournment. The Committee on Nominations reported the following

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:

Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark. *Substitute*, Rev. J. G. Davis.

To the General Convention of Vermont:

Primary, Rev. L. Conant. *Substitute*, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. M. H. Wells. *Substitute*, Rev. J. P. Humphrey.

To the General Conference of Massachusetts;

Primary, Rev. W. R. Jewett. *Substitute*, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton.

To the General Association of Connecticut:

Primary, Rev. F. D. Ayers. *Substitute*, Rev. E. Robie.

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island:

Primary, Rev. E. D. Eldridge. *Substitute*, Rev. E. O. Jameson.

To the General Association of New-York:

Primary, Rev. S. P. Leeds. *Substitute*, Rev. J. H. Edwards.
To the General Association of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. W. T. Savage
To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. E. C. Cogswell. *Substitute*, Rev. Chas. Cutler.
To the Pres. and Cong. Convention of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. C. Burnham. *Substitute*, Rev. H. Barrows.
To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. J. Ordway. *Substitute*, Rev. H. Cummings.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)
Primary, Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. E. G. Parsons
To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. A. L. Marden. *Substitute*, Rev. L. Marshall.
To the General Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. J. H. Stearns. *Substitute*, Rev. T. C. Pratt.
To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. Calvin Cutler. *Substitute*, Rev. J. L. Tomlinson
To the General Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. I. T. Otis. *Substitute*, Rev. M. T. Runnells.
To the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. R. Kimball
To the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:
Primary, Rev. Z.S.Barstow, D.D. *Substitute*, Rev. J.P. Humphrey
To the Baptist Convention of New-Hampshire:
Primary, Rev. B. F. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. W. H. Fenn.
To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. U. W. Condit. *Substitute*, Rev. C. E. Milliken.

The following committees were chosen:

On Narratives—Rev. Calvin Cutler, Rev. E. B. Claggett.

To prepare the Pastoral Letter—Rev. S. Hayward, Rev. J. M. R Eaton.

Of Inquiry—Rev. S. H. Riddel, Hon. George M. Herring, Rev R. M. Sargent.

Preacher of the opening sermon from Sullivan Association.

Preacher of the closing sermon, Rev. Wm. T. Savage, primary Rev. J. G. Davis, substitute.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Soule, the Associatior proceeded to consider the following questions:

1. By what methods of effort may each of our churches fulfil its duty to Christ respecting those within its bounds or in unoccupied fields adjacent, who neglect the means of grace? This was discussed by Rev. Charles A. Downs. 2. Does the pressing demand for the more thorough evangelization of our State, justify the setting apart of suitable men as lay preachers to teach or preach in destitute neighborhoods on the Sabbath, while they continue to engage in their secular employments during the week? Discussed by Rev. E W. Clark, Rev. A. B. Peffers, Rev. L. Marshall, Rev. S. W. Duncan, Rev. Wm. Clark, Dea. Hayward, Rev. W. T. Savage, and Rev

J. G. Davis. After singing, and the benediction by Rev. M. T. Runnells, the Association adjourned to 8 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AUGUST 24, 8 1-2 o'clock A. M.

Association met as adjourned. The report of Dr. Bouton on the Widows' Charitable Fund was adopted. Also the following resolution, presented by Rev. W. R. Jewett:

Resolved, That the General Association recommend to the members of the District Associations, to take prompt and energetic measures to increase the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Dr. Bouton, from the committee on benevolent action and the moral and religious state of the country, presented the following resolutions, which after discussion were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Association does accept, in general, the proceedings of the late National Council of Congregational Churches in the city of Boston; that we heartily concur in the noble Declaration of Evangelical Faith adopted on the graves of the Pilgrim Fathers, by said council, and in the liberal and magnanimous plans proposed for the universal extension over our country of the principles of liberty, education and religion, which are our common inheritance.

Resolved, 2. That while we rejoice in the return of peace to our late divided and bleeding country, we cannot hope for permanent national prosperity and union, nor for the favor of Almighty God, unless we "do justly and love mercy" in securing equal rights and privileges under law to all classes of citizens.

Resolved, 3. That we hear with great satisfaction of the rising prosperity of Dartmouth College, both in the increase of students and in the enlargement of funds; that, as that venerable institution —which is the pride of our State—was originally founded "for Christ and the church," so we recommend it, in all its interests, to the prayers and liberal patronage of all the friends of sound learning and religion.

Resolved, 4. That this Association re-affirm and reiterate its former repeated declarations in favor of entire abstinence from intoxicating drinks, and of prohibiting the sale of such drinks by law.

Resolved, 5. That this Association is deeply impressed by the representations which have been made of deficiencies in the salary and support of ministers in this State; and that we earnestly call the attention of all our churches and religious societies to the duty and necessity of furnishing a more just and liberal support, or otherwise, fail of enjoying the permanent ministry of the Word.

The Association gave place to the anniversary of the N. H. Missionary Society, Pres. Smith in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. Tobey. Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Stone, was read and adopted. The report of the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, was then read, accepted and adopted. A hymn was sung, after

which Pres. Smith and Rev. Dr. Peters made addresses. Closed with singing and benediction by Pres. Smith.

The following persons were appointed to officiate at the communion service in the afternoon: Rev. George Soule and Rev. A. Peters, D. D. The Minutes of the previous sessions were read in part. Adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock P. M.

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1 1-2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met as adjourned. The reading of the Minutes was finished and they were accepted by the Association.

The following persons were appointed committees on College Scholarships:

Cheshire Conference—Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Rev. M. H. Wells.

Hillsborough Conference—Rev. J. G. Davis, Rev. F. D. Ayer.

Merrimack Conference—J. B. Walker, Esq., Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.

Rockingham Conference—Hon. John W. Noyes, Rev. G. M. Adams.

Strafford Conference—J. R. Varney, Esq., Rev. J. K. Young, D. D.

Sullivan Conference—Rev. E. W. Clark, Rev. Henry Cummings.

Rev. W. R. Jewett, from a committee previously appointed, presented a report respecting indigent and disabled ministers.

Voted, That the recommendation of the report be adopted, viz.: That it be recommended to the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund that they make application to the Legislature for such a change in their charter as will enable them to hold funds to make appropriations for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen. The following persons were appointed a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund: Rev. W. R. Jewett and Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D.

The public religious service of the closing afternoon was introduced by singing, and prayer by Rev. H. A. Hazen. The sermon, from 1st Cor. 7: 23, was preached by Rev. E. G. Parsons. Rev. A. Peters, D. D. and Rev. George Soule officiated at the table of the Lord.

Voted, That 500 copies of the Constitution of the Association be printed for the use of the members.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the christian families of Newport for their ready and cordial hospitalities on the present occasion; also, that our thanks be extended to the choir of singers for their continued attendance and valuable assistance in the "service of song" at our successive meetings.

Voted, That the Association adjourn *sine die*.

AMOS FOSTER, *Moderator*.

J. P. HUMPHREY, *Scribe*.

M. T. RUNNELLS, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge." It is fitting, from time to time, to walk about Zion, and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that we may tell it to the generation following; for this God is our God forever and ever. It is only in this way that we can gain an intelligent view of our true position.

Having just closed a general review, it is now our duty to report. Our churches number about twenty thousand, which is about one-sixteenth part of the population of the State, more than two-thirds of the whole number being females. Our Savior calls his disciples "the light of the world." Twenty thousand lights, all burning brightly, could hardly leave any part of our commonwealth in darkness. He also calls them "the salt of the earth." Their influence, if it is constantly active, must permeate the whole mass. In an important sense this is true. The morals of the people are widely different from what they would be were the entire influence of our one hundred and ninety churches withdrawn. Our granite hills would remain, and our lakes and rivers. Our population might not be greatly diminished, but our schools would languish, and all the channels through which our religious charities flow, would become dry. And although we might remain "beautiful for situation," "on the sides of the north," we should speedily become a moral desolation.

In reviewing such a year as the past, there is danger of being discouraged. We record no marked victories; comparatively few recruits have joined the ranks. But what occasion have we to be dispirited with twenty thousand veteran soldiers, marshaled under a banner which has never been, which never can be torn down; commanded by a general officer of infinite skill and prudence, of almighty power and boundless love; who has never lost a battle; whose sword is sharp and two-edged; whose name is KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS; and who is destined to bring into subjection all who are in a revolt? When two armies meet in deadly strife, experience has taught us not to expect a victory every day, or every month. It is a great point gained if we can have our confidence so firmly anchored to right principles that we can move on with unfaltering step to their final triumph, though occasionally it be through a reverse, or temporary retreat. So in the great conflict between sin and holiness our faith is anchored to the promises of

Him who cannot lie, and it is not safe to conclude that our cause is losing ground because we cannot every year report signal triumphs. We will now introduce a few statements which have been furnished by the Secretaries of the several County Conferences.

Cheshire County.—Eight of the twenty-five churches have pastors, that in Keene having two. The aggregate of pastoral labor in these eight churches by the present incumbents is one hundred and forty-three years, making an average of about sixteen years. Thirteen other churches have stated supplies, and four are destitute. Seven report an increase of membership, which is generally the fruit of religious interest in the year preceding that now reported. No revival is reported from the county, although in several of the towns there have been more or less conversions. General harmony prevails. The church in Winchester has placed "The Tract Journal" and "The Child at Home" in those families that do not attend the Sabbath services, and with good results. "There is a general feeling of gratitude for what God hath wrought for our country, and a state of expectation that the long and severe chastening of his hand will be followed by rich spiritual blessings throughout the whole land."

Coos County.—There are six churches, no one of which enjoys the labors of a settled pastor. Rev. Mr. Fay has been dismissed from Lancaster after having labored there nine years, and his successor is hired for five years. These churches are said to let a feeble light shine in a portion of the State where "Satan's seat is." One may readily credit the former part of the statement if all the churches are like that one which reports eight resident members who never meet their brethren in the sanctuary for the worship of God, and whose connection with the church even is probably not known to any of its members. One of these churches, that at Shelburne, which reported eight members last year, is not spoken of this year as having even a nominal existence. The Conference consists of ten churches, a part of which are located in another county, and a part in Vermont. Their late meeting was one of much interest.

Grafton County.—There are twenty-six churches in this county, with ten pastors, whose united term of service is seventy-seven years, giving them an average of about eight years. Five of the churches seem almost extinct, and have no regular preaching. Most of the others have stated supplies. No special revival is reported from any of them, but some additions by profession to quite a number. The various interests of most of the churches are in a healthy condition. The president of the college speaks of its religious state as hopeful and encouraging. It is an indication of awakened interest in the institution that the Conference has decided to raise a *thousand dollars* to establish a scholarship to assist needy pious young men who are preparing for the ministry. It is to be called the "Grafton Scholarship," and the inquiry is very fittingly suggested whether the other county conferences might not be incited to follow this praiseworthy example.

Hillsborough County.—Thirty-five churches are reported, with a membership of about five thousand four hundred and twenty. There are twenty-one settled pastors, whose average term of labor is about ten years. There are six stated supplies, eight of the churches having no regular preaching. "Several of the churches have been gathering in the fruits of that precious revival work enjoyed last year, while Antrim, Hancock and Hudson, with some others, have had sweet refreshing of the Spirit during the year. The additions have been, by profession, two hundred and sixty-six, and eighty-six by letter." "Gratitude to the Great Head of the church is due for so large a measure of the common influences of the Holy Spirit, and for those special manifestations in the fruits of which our Zion has been so much blessed. God has not forgotten to be gracious. Heaven has smiled propitiously in the general outward harmony that has prevailed." Most of the churches in this county speak of special sufferings incident to the war in the loss of members, and families clad in sorrow. "Instead of depreciating in their moral character by being in the army, our returned soldiers seem to have been benefitted, and take their places more manly in society than before they went. Many who went out ungodly and profane have returned with a good hope of salvation through Christ, and some have united with the church since their return." Fifteen pastors and laymen have been in the service of the Christian Commission during some portion of the year, and two individuals are engaged in teaching the freedmen.

Merrimack County.—There are twenty-four churches in this county, twelve of which have pastors who have performed one hundred and eighty years of labor in the field, averaging fifteen years to each one. The average time for seven of these pastors is about twenty-four years. Seven other churches have stated supplies. That at Bradford has recently secured the services of Rev. Joseph Marsh, after being destitute for several years. In three of the remaining five churches efforts are made to obtain men who shall settle with them in the gospel ministry, but as yet without any decided results. In Andover there are only nine resident members, and nothing is done to re-establish the institutions of the gospel. "The churches generally seem to be in good working condition, harmonious and strong. In external circumstances prosperous, there have also been many spiritual favors enjoyed." One hundred and seventy-eight have been added to the churches, one hundred and thirty-five of whom have been added by profession, "and nearly all of them have been from members of the Sabbath-school." "The recent decease of the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Burnham, for more than forty years pastor of the church in Pembroke, seems worthy of especial notice from the remarkable illustration it furnishes of the glorious and sustaining power of divine grace in a dying hour. Mrs. Burnham's death-bed was a scene of remarkable peace and triumph in view of entering into her rest and the joy of her Lord."

Among other interesting cases of conversion, this is reported. . young man "left the Congregational Sabbath-school for the arm taking his Bible and Question Book with him, and in his tent amo his comrades in arms, far away from all our means and ordinanc of grace, gave himself to God last Thanksgiving morning." ". pastor also reports the interesting conversion of four youths in o family of his congregation, two brothers and two sisters, their co version occurring almost simultaneously; the most deliberate, u excited choice of Christ and his service, and an emerging thereup almost at once upon a strength and apparent maturity of christi character as delightful as unusual and remarkable." No one of t twenty-four churches reports any special religious interest at t present time. "There is not only an especial need for the occu rence of religious revivals every where among us to meet, counte act and remedy the sad moral effects of the war, but there is an e ident expectation and prayerful waiting on the part of God's peop with reference to large and speedy outpourings of His Spirit on o war-smitten and much demoralized land." In March last the Re Dr. Bouton celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his settlement pastor of the First Church in Concord. It was an occasion of gre interest, in which many from abroad participated. In the evenir the beloved pastor received from his people the grateful offering about one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Rockingham County. — In this county there are thirty-o churches, eighteen pastors and seven stated supplies. The aggr gate of pastoral labor by those now in office, is one hundred a thirty-nine years, making an average of about seven years. In t year preceding that now reported, extensive revivals were enjoy in several of the churches, and a most pleasant influence still r mains from those seasons of refreshing. "In Derry, Kensingt and Windham, many have been gathered into the church as t fruit of those revivals, and the new converts have been gaining m turity of Christian life and character." "One church reports a co stant reviving throughout the year—a continuous succession of i quirers for the way of life—a continuous increase of the church receiving new members into her communion." About 180 ha been added to the churches during the year. In one or more plac the entire congregation resolves itself into a Sabbath-school. So of the churches have suffered much by the loss of members w have laid themselves a willing sacrifice upon the altar of their cou try. Aid has been furnished to a sister church in building a hou of worship.

Strafford County Conference embraces the churches of B knap, Carroll and Strafford Counties. They are thirty and a fra tion in number. Eight of them have pastors and fifteen stated su plies, either the whole or a part of the time. The eight past have occupied their pulpits eighty-nine years, giving them an ave age of eleven years of service. Two have been settled during t

year, Rev. A. S. Walker at Dover, First church, and Rev. E. N. Hidden at Great Falls. Rev. Prescott Fay, recently of Lancaster, has accepted a call to settle over the church at Rochester. The church at Sanbornton has been afflicted in the death of its beloved and faithful pastor, Rev. James Boutwell. Several of the churches are so small and so situated that they do not often have Congregational preaching, nor constantly the preaching of the gospel in any form. Among these are the churches at Effingham, Moultonboro', Tuftonboro' and North Wolfboro'. This last church, though destitute for many years, is now supplied one-fourth of the time. Gilmanton East church has united with Gilmanton Iron Works in securing the ministrations of the Word. The churches at Sandwich and North Sandwich, which have been destitute most of the time for sixteen years, now enjoy the labors of their former pastor, Rev. Otis Holmes. A few conversions and additions are reported in several places. There has been a marked religious interest at Gilmanton Centre, particularly among the youth connected with the Academy. Fourteen have been added to the church. A revival commenced in the First church in Dover with the week of prayer, and has continued in a very quiet and healthy way since. Nearly forty have already united with the church, and still others will soon unite which will increase the number to more than fifty.

Sullivan County.—Thirteen churches are reported from this section of the State, seven of which are without pastors of any description. Four have settled pastors, whose average term of service is twelve years. There have been some conversions, but no general revival. In Claremont, fifteen or twenty have indulged hope, and a few at Acworth. At the former place, fifteen have united with the church, and at the latter, eight. The number added to all the churches is thirty-five. Rev. Alvah Spaulding has been dismissed from Cornish, after having labored there nearly thirty years. As nearly as can be ascertained from the county reports, there are eighty-two settled pastors in the State, the aggregate of whose labor in their present fields is eight hundred and seventy-six years, which gives an average of about ten and three-fourths years. The longest pastorate is that of Dr. Barstow of Keene, which exceeds forty-seven years. Two exceed forty years, those of Dr. Burnham of Rindge and Dr. Bouton of Concord. Five more exceed thirty years, and four others exceed fourteen years, which gives twelve whose pastorate exceed twenty-one years.

In the churches of the State, the cause of Christian Beneficence is in a comparatively healthy condition. Very generally there has been an increase of contributions upon former years. The New Hampshire Bible Society, in its late report, announces an increase of one thousand three hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-two cents beyond what has ever been contributed to this object in any one year. This is an omen of good, "for God loveth a cheerful giver." The word "comparatively" is used, for it cannot be sup-

posed that we have yet reached that degree of liberality wh ch would be most pleasing to God, or which will ensure a confide n expectation that He will say to us, well done, good and faithful s r vnts. Could we reach a correct view of our responsibility as t h stewards of God, it would be entirely safe to have the support Mission Schools in the hands of the children, and the Home M sionary cause in our State with the Female Cent Institution, a that too without diminishing at all their contributions to oth objects.

Sabbath Schools are increasing in interest in many places, a generally holding at least as high a position as in former yea "They continue to be an efficient instrumentality for bringing o children into the fold of the good Shepherd."

The Temperance cause is in a condition which justly alarms t friends of virtue and good order. From the large county of Hil boro', which reports more than one-fourth of the entire membersh of our churches, we have this testimony: "The cause of Tempe ance in some towns is advancing; but in a majority it is spoken in doubtful terms, or as decidedly retrograde." The report fro Merrimack county, where are found more than three thousand our members, makes no allusion to the subject; and the same true of Rockingham and Grafton counties. Cheshire says: "Th cause languishes. Intemperance is sadly on the increase, and b little is being done to check it. Of Sullivan it is said: "Tempe ance has made some advance in some parts of the county. Son new interest has been felt in the cause by the people who love goo order and sobriety, alarmed at the awful inroads of intemperance. Much has been attempted in Claremont to shut up the rum-hole with which the people are cursed, but whether for permanent goo remains to be seen." In Belknap, Carroll and Strafford counties "we can see no material advance nor decline within the year. W believe there has been some progress, but it is not especially man fest."

It is an occasion for profound gratitude, in which all the churches rejoice, that the fratricidal war, which, for more than four years, has filled our beloved country with sorrow and alarm, has come to an end. Though the seat of strife was far removed from us, nevertheless it has filled all our communities with grief. Many of our brave men, our sons and brothers, husbands and fathers, have fallen victims to this heaven accursed rebellion. The price we have paid for the life of our nation, has been fearfully great. But where beats the loyal heart that would withdraw it, and have in its stead disunion and the perpetual bondage of those whose fetters have been broken? Not only have we a disenthralled race and a redeemed country, but as christian men and women we have been passing through the refiner's fire. If the church does not stand on a higher level of moral excellence to-day than she did four years ago, then we have misread her records. In the words of one of our county

reports: "Much of the piety of the church has taken the direction of patriotism, and with most precious results. God has heard our prayers and delivered our land. The tree that stands exposed to the storms, whether they come from one quarter or another, strikes its roots deeper and firmer. So the piety of our churches, if it has not grown outwardly and visibly, has gone deeper. It is laying fast hold of the "Rock of Ages," and finding aliment and power in the great principles of eternal truth. The stern realities of the hour are taking the mere prettiness and sentimentalism of piety out of Christ's professed people, and giving them vigor and strength and power to grapple with the great question of duty and responsibility and obligation to extend the Redeemer's kingdom. The trial of the nation and its deliverance has ushered in an era which forces us to live many lives in one. We have a mighty work before us. When were the hands of christians ever so full? With the cultivation of personal piety, with the occupation of the immediate vicinity around us, and the clearing away of obstacles to the carrying of the gospel with all its concomitant blessings to four millions of freedmen, and a larger number of others in the land that are as spiritually needy, and a proper care for the increased influx of foreigners, not slacking our work of foreign missions at the same time, we shall find our hands full and an abundant opportunity to work for Christ."

Upon the roll of the dead we are called to write the names of several preachers of the gospel, besides those of many brethren and sisters in the churches.

Rev. Ira Morey died in Bennington, Dec. 1864, aged 50 years. He was born in Orford, N. H., May 23, 1814, fitted for college at Bradford, Vt. and graduated at the Vermont University in 1840. In October following he took charge of an academy in Hanover Co., Va. After three years he went to Jonesboro', East Tennessee, where he had charge of a female academy for six years. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery at Holsten in October 1844, and in the next year ordained to preach to destitute churches in that part of the State. In 1858 he was settled over the Presbyterian church at Franklin, 20 miles south of Nashville, Tenn. Soon after the rebellion broke out he came North, having suffered the loss of all things, and was employed by the church at Bennington, where he labored most acceptably till his decease. He was a true patriot, an humble christian, a sound theologian, an able, impressive preacher, and died greatly lamented.

Rev. Seneca White died in Amherst, March 1865, aged 71 years. He was born in Sutton, Mass., passed his early life in Springfield, Vt., graduated at Dartmouth College in 1818, and at Andover in 1821. He was settled several years in Bath, Me., and also in Wiscassett. While in Maine he was a trustee of Bowdoin College. From Wiscassett he went to Marshfield, Mass., where he was pastor some twelve years. His health failing, he took a dismission from that church and came to Amherst. As his health permitted he

preached occasionally to vacant churches in the vicinity. He wa scholar, an able preacher, an affectionate pastor, much esteemed all the churches over which he had been settled.

Rev. James Boutwell died at Sanbornton, April 21, 1865, ag 50 years, 11 months and 7 days. He was born at Lyndeborou and was born again while a member of Phillips Academy, Andov Mass. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1836, and at And ver in 1840. He was ordained and installed over the church Brentwood Nov. 4, 1841, where he remained ten years, and was i stalled at Sanbornton June 24, 1852, where he labored till summo ed to go up higher. He was a good pastor, welcomed at the hom of his people; an able preacher; his prayers fervent, importunat solemn, impressive; his sermons clear, forcible, direct, weighty.

Rev. Joel R. Arnold died at Chester, July 4, 1865, aged 7 He was born in Westminster, Vt., graduated at Middlebury Colleg studied theology with his brother, Rev. S. S. Arnold, then pastor c the church in Alstead. He was pastor of the church in Cheste from 1820 to 1830. One hundred and ten were added to the churc during these ten years; thirty-four adults and ninety infants wer baptized. After this he preached a while in Winchester; then b came pastor of the church in Waterbury, Conn., where he remaine from three to four years. Subsequently he was settled in Colche ter, Conn., where he was an eminently successful pastor and preacl er for fourteen years. After his dismission from this church h preached a year at Bellows Falls, Vt., and then for a time at Sout Coventry, Conn., and also at Vassalboro', Me. After laboring her for a year or more, he left on account of ill health, and came t Chester to die among the people of his first pastoral charge. In h last sickness he was wont to say, "The only reality to me is the sa vation of the soul by Christ." He is characterized as "one of na ture's noblemen, both in person and mind; a high-minded gentl man; an able, eloquent preacher; a spiritual, devout christian; a affectionate, faithful pastor. Wonderfully sustained by the grace c God he died in strong hope of a glorious immortality." Within tw weeks of his death his excellent wife followed him on that retur less journey.

Rev. Andrew Jaquith died in Langdon, Aug. 27, 1864, age 48. He was born in Ashby, Mass. In early life his mother co secrated him to Christ and the church, with the hope that he migl become a preacher of the gospel. Becoming a christian at the ag of 17, he soon commenced fitting for college. The death of h mother, and other circumstances, interrupted his course. In 185 he was licensed to preach, at the age of 42, and in 1860 he was o dained as an evangelist, and labored among the people of Langdc till his health failed, preaching the gospel with great fidelity and a ceptance. Early in August, learning that his son at Washingtc was sinking under wounds received near Petersburg, he hastened t his relief. The death of the son occurred in four days, and tl

father reached home Aug. 16, exhausted and sick, where he died in eleven days. During his sickness he was calm, submissive and happy, and passed to his rest in the triumphs of faith.

During the week preceding the last meeting of the General Association, Rev. THOMAS L. AMBROSE of Ossipee, died in Chesapeake General Hospital, Fortress Monroe, Va., from the effects of a wound received about four weeks before near Petersburg. A young man of great energy, a hero in the cause of Christ, whether as a missionary in the mountains of Koordistan, or a chaplain of the 12th N. H. Regiment in the Union army.

During the same week Rev. CAREY RUSSELL died at Norwich, Vt. aged 62. He was born in Chester, this State. At the age of seven years he was brought under religious impressions by reading an inscription upon a tombstone. He was probably converted about this time; but it was not till about 16 years of age, and during a revival in this town, (Newport) that he fully cherished the christian hope. From this time the desire of his heart was to enter the ministry. At the age of 19 he was fitted for college, but the want of means and health led him to renounce the idea of a liberal education, and to abandon the hope of preaching the gospel. He settled down upon a small farm in this town. Though his plans were frustrated, his tastes remained unchanged. The study of theology occupied his leisure hours. Encouraged and aided by the church, in 1834 he placed himself under the instruction of his pastor, Rev. John Wood, and in 1837 he received a call to settle over the church in Dothan parish, Hartford, Vt. His labors here were incessant and untiring. At one time all the females living within his parish over ten years of age, with two or three exceptions, were hopefully pious. This church disbanded in 1844 because of its unhappy location, its members uniting with other churches, and Mr. Russell took charge of the church at Worcester, Vt., which doubled its membership during the seven years that he was with them. He preached one year in Wolcott. During four years from 1853 he labored with the church in Bradford, this State, and not without success. After this he preached a year at Littleton. His health becoming quite poor, he purchased a quiet home in Norwich, Vt., where he spent his remaining days. Fidelity was the leading characteristic of his life, and he has doubtless received the "well done, good and faithful servant," of the Master.

During the year thirty-three preachers have been called from their stations, by death and otherwise, fifteen of whom were pastors; twenty-seven churches have been supplied with preachers, four of whom have become pastors; and thirty-seven are now vacant.

J. M. R. EATON.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association :

Beloved in Christ :—There is little difference of opinion amo christians as to what constitutes a truly religious life. They m differ somewhat in their doctrinal views, in their forms of publ worship, or their modes of administering the sacraments ; but th do not differ so much as to the real nature of practical religion, wh it is, and how it manifests itself. No one supposes that mere inte lectual culture, however expensive or refined, constitutes religio No one supposes that religion consists in polish of outward manner or the observance of the forms of conventional politeness. Muc less will any one call a man religious who is evidently sensual and selfish, or supremely covetous and worldly. But all will admit that *he* is a religious man who loves God and *shows* his love to God by works of love for his fellow-men ; who is ever ready, in obedience to the will of God, and for the Lord Jesus' sake, to deny himself for the good of others ; who seeks to promote the kingdom of God on earth, the kingdom of christian righteousness, truth and love, by willingly and cheerfully fulfilling patient, Christlike service for the good of man.

Every christian desires to *do* something for the cause of his Maker. This desire is the prompting of the new life within him. Every one who knows Christ as his Savior, desires to confess him, desires to tell to others what great things Christ hath done for *him*, that Christ may do the same for *them* also. In many Christian hearts there is an anxious inquiry, " Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" It is with an endeavor to meet this inquiry that we address you a few lines at this time.

First, get for yourself a clear, abiding view of what Christ is to you and your own heart. Make this a distinct object of thought: How great the love of Christ to you—how precious the riches of his grace—how fully and completely adequate to all your necessities, comforting you in your sorrows, strengthening you in your weakness, pouring his love upon you, pardoning your sins, giving his Spirit of love, joy and peace, to dwell and rule in your hearts, and opening for you the gate of heaven and a blessed immortality. Think that what Christ is to you, he is able to become to all hearts the world over ; that as one sun in the heavens is sufficient with his glorious light, not for one flower of the field only, but for countless millions of flowers all over the land, so the one Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, the Lord of all, is sufficient for the life and salvation of all. Think of the depths of his compassion for a sinful world ;

think of the wants of human hearts and the fitness of Christ's love to supply those wants, and then the Spirit of him who while on earth went about doing good, and who is now on his throne in heaven, ruling over all for the good of his people, will rest upon you, and qualify you for the service of his kingdom and his glory. Thus qualified by the spirit of Christ within you, seek next to promote the spiritual good of those *nearest* to you, your relatives, acquaintances and friends with whom you come in most frequent contact. The christian disciple is sometimes ambitious of doing some great thing for Christ, upon a broad field of labor, while he overlooks important fields of usefulness nearer home. He would be a missionary of Christ to the world at large, forgetting that he *is* a missionary of Christ to his own house. "Go *home* to thy friends, and tell *them* how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee," were the words of our Lord to one who had received largely of his grace, and they express the missionary work which every christian may do. The friends whom God hath given us are the nearest objects of our regard, the dearest objects of our affection. We cannot love them too well. We may love them in a way and manner that is unwise, both for them and ourselves, but we cannot love them with an affection too deep and earnest. Far more danger of our being selfish toward them than that our affection for them become excessive. And the richest blessings we can desire for them are spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Or, if they are already partakers of these blessings we should desire that they possess them in yet larger measure, and should use the means that are fitted to produce this result.

One of these means is conversation. How strange it is that even christians are so reluctant to converse together on those matters which lie nearest to their hearts. We meet in social intercourse; every possible subject is talked of, often far-fetched to make a topic of conversation, and yet the one topic which is most precious to our hearts and which we desire to make the master thought of our lives, we touch not. Is it not strange that in our conversation we should seldom say a word of that "heavenly Friend, on whom our hopes of heaven depend," whom in our inmost souls we love most dearly, whom we think of most constantly? "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," but sometimes, through timidity, a fear of being repelled, or of not meeting a sympathetic response, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth does *not* speak. Let this crust of reserve be broken. Let us not be afraid of a little enthusiasm. We are social beings, the power of sympathy is very great, and if we begin to speak one to another of Christ and of his kingdom, we shall most certainly find more sympathy than we expected. Christians conversing together on that which they prize above all earthly good, will find their hearts kindling into a deeper and more fervent glow, their devotedness to their Lord increased, their desire to work for his kingdom more earnest and resolute.

But it is not by words only, or by what we *say*, that we are to seek to influence for good those around us, but especially by our *life* by what we *are*. The love of God in the heart, and a desire to serve and glorify him by doing good, will show itself in the manner of life, in look and temper and conduct; will show itself at times by *silence* as well as by speech; by what is left undone or unsaid, as well as by what is said or done; by a light which shines unconsciously to the possessor of it. There is something in the bearing of a true christian which shows what he is and witnesses for Christ. In joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and adversity, and in the most common concerns of life, it is seen that he lives in communion with a higher and better world; that he has a treasure earth cannot bestow; that he is guided and supported by an unseen hand; that he has a friend who never forsakes him, a friend better than all earthly friends, and able to overcome all earthly enemies and all the powers of darkness; that he is governed by the principles of that kingdom of righteousness and truth which endureth forever; that he lives as seeing him who is invisible. Such there have been and are who by their life are continually drawing others into the communion of Christ. This kind of life cannot be put on for the sake of appearance, or of influence. It can be put on only as it is realized within in spirit and in truth. But it becomes every christian to see to it that he has it in reality, and that in his own heart he steadfastly cherishes that constant communion with Christ which is its source and strength.

But the field of christian work now open to every disciple is far wider than the range of his near relatives and friends. There is a vast home missionary work to be done in all our neighborhoods. Christians seem to have but little idea of the work that is to be done for Christ in the communities in which they live. In all our towns there are many families, none of whose members are in the habit of going to the house of God. Consequently they are in great measure unaffected by christian truth. Some of these families do not wish to go to the house of God. Others are indifferent about the matter, but would willingly go, if invited or solicited to do so. Others still would like to go, but find difficulties, often, for example, in the way of securing seats. It is a delicate matter for a minister to ask people to come to church. It seems like asking them to come and hear him preach. Besides, he has not control of seats, is not able to secure them for those who might wish to occupy them. Now here is a field of christian work for the laity to cultivate. Are there not families you know of who habitually stay away from the house of God, and whom you might induce to come, and thus be the means of doing good, and promoting the glory of your Lord and Master? In the house of God there should be no aristocracy of class, no distinction of rich and poor. Here "the rich and poor meet together, the Lord is the maker of them all." Nothing can be more contemptible than that spirit which closes a pew door to any one because of

inferior social position. Better that the pew system be wholly abolished and the house of God be free and open to every one to enter t who will, as was the case in primitive times, and still is in many Catholic churches. In the puritan times of New-England history, when every family without exception attended upon the services of he sanctuary, it was well for each family to have its pew. But the ivision of pews is now an evil if it hinders any family from attendnce. Let the pews however remain, provided they be no hindrance o the fullest and freest possible attendance upon the ordinances of race. And let christians endeavor to bring under the influence of hristian truth and of christian worship the many around them now ving without this influence, that they may be rescued from their resent indifference and infidelity, be brought to know and to love e truth as it is in Jesus, and all with one heart glorify God, our ather in heaven. And let us not be content with bringing them to e sanctuary on the Sabbath-day, but show a christian sympathy ith them in all our relations to them during the week, and thus romote the christian righteousness and christian truth in the communities in which the providence of God has placed us. Christ has work for each and all of his people to do. The ministry in their *ficial* capacities can never be a substitute for the many thousands f laborers which the laity may become in their several homes and eighborhoods. What a different aspect would the vineyard of the ord present were every christian faithful to duty in the place in hich his Maker has put him.

And the field now open to christian work to every disciple of the ord is as wide as the world itself. By means of Tract, Bible and Missionary Societies we may give the knowledge of Christ to those ho are thousands of miles distant from us, and whose faces we hall never see in this world. And since the heathen will never ave the gospel unless it be given them by those who are already hristians, it is our manifest duty, and should be regarded as a most recious privilege, to sustain by our contributions, those agencies y which we may communicate the knowledge of Christ to souls ow in danger of perishing through lack of knowledge. Any professed christian who refuses to give liberally of his substance for the upport of an agency so manifestly promotive of Christ's cause in he world as is the Foreign Missionary work, can hardly be regarded as a christian indeed. The giving of our substance in Christ's ause is both an important means of grace for ourselves, and an important instrumentality for building up Christ's kingdom in the orld.

And these several departments of christian work are open to every hristian at once. One is not before the other. We need not wait ntil our friends at home are converted, before we seek to enlighten nd save the heathen abroad, neither need we wait until the heathen broad are converted before we begin to benefit our acquaintances nd friends at home. But we may engage in all these methods of

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3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.*—A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon*. The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other societies and institutions, in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2 1-2 o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair nd preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read he certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when he Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a cribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The Secretary all be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meet-g at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of e proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve hedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the chives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be lowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meet-gs of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years om the first day of November following his appointment. He shall ocure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publica-n, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a mmary, at each session of the General Association. He shall perintend their printing, and be a member of the publishing com-ittee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the As-ciation, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of oney as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses r correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to ap-int a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches thin its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the rection of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In se any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the t day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some per-n to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the church-, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, d according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, hich shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either of the perma-nt officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office all devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, e scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. Committees. At each meeting of the Association, and near e organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one yman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, ho shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no siness shall be introduced without their consent. But if the com-ittee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a ember, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

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3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have

the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations as honorary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practicable, be selected from th District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitute in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our nex session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if the shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failur of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient tes timonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the cor responding body for which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and othe necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assess ments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in thi organization, according to the number and relative strength of th churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conferenc shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association fo the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except th fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meet ing of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Cor ferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

General Association,

In account with Wm. R. Jewett, *Treasure*

1864.		*Cr.*	
Dec. 20.	By balance in Treasury,	$48.19	
1865.			
	From seven Conferences, assessments,	100.00	
	" sale of Minutes,	1.50	
			$149.(
1864.		*Dr.*	
	J. G. Davis' bill,	10.75	
1865.			
May.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing blanks,	5.00	
Aug. 26.	Postage to date,	1.84	
Aug. 29.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing Minutes for 1864,	165.45	
			$183.(
	Balance against the Treasury,	$33.35	

Concord, Oct. 6, 1865.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the foregoing account of Re William R. Jewett, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Chur. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead, 1st Ch.,	1777	None.	None.	None.	8	16	24	14	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	71	$36 00
Alstead, Paper Mill,	1842	Darwin Adams,	July 6. 1828	S. S.	4	20	24	2	5	3	8	0	3	0	3	4	0	45	60 00
Alstead, New,	1788	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22, 1864	June 22, 1864	29	54	83	21	14	1	15	2	2	0	4	6	1	112	108 35
Chesterfield,	1777	J. Hall,	1833	S. S.	6	21	27	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	130 00
Dublin,*	June 10, 1772																		
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	47	105	152	14	1	5	6	7	1	0	8	0	4	274	400 00
Gilsum,	1772	Edward B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	Aug. 17, 1864	11	26	37	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	1	1	80	200 00
Harrisville,	Sept. 22, 1840	L. Marshall,	Oct. 8, 1856	April 1, 1864	12	31	43	19	5	3	8	3	2	0	5	4	0	150	180 60
Hinsdale,	†1763	M. H. Wells,	Nov. 19, 1845	May 1, 1856	44	88	132	12	8	5	13	3	3	0	6	8	1	200	456 00
Jaffrey,	1780	J. G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	S. S.	31	80	111	29	0	2	2	1	4	1	6	0	1	130	379 30
Jaffrey, East,	1850	Cyrus W. Allen,	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S. 1863	20	50	70	15	3	1	4	0	4	0	4				
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, J. A. Hamilton,	July 1, 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	July 1 1818 Jan. 29, 1861	77	299	376	25	21	12	33	5	3	0	8	10	13	500	‖1591 21
Marlborough,	1778	Giles Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	36	75	111	27	14	2	16	1	3	0	4	9	1	175	231 49
Nelson,	1781	Jarius Ordway,	April 26, 1848	S. S. 1861	45	75	120	32	3	1	4	4	3	0	7	2	1	170	129 61
Rindge,	1765	Amos W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	69	128	197	12	12	1	13	4	3	0	7	2	6	300	600 00
Roxbury,	1816	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	S. S.	2	9	11	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	23 22
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	7	37	44	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	75	79 89
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stowe,	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	35	58	93	8	22	0	22	4	5	0	9	15	2	120	300 00
Swanzey,	1741	Thos. E. Roberts,	Mar. 28, 1861	S. S. 1864	18	45	63	9	0	0	9	2	0	0	2	0	1	152	61 04
Surry,	1769	Amos F. Shattuck,		S. S.	2	12	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	9 35
Troy,	1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S.	13	27	40	13	3	4	7	0	4	0	4	1	1	126	126 39
Walpole,	‡1761	Vacant.	None.	None.	14	65	79	8	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	90	131 95
Westmoreland,	1764	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, 1853	S. S.	28	70	98	16	3	1	4	2	3	0	5	0	0	90	76 55
" Evang.,	1852	William Claggett,	Oct. 27, 1830	S. S.	6	26	32	3	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	3	0	50	
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 3, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	55	100	155	29	1	0	1	1	5	1	7	0	0	300	445 00
					619	1517	2136	322	128	44	172	47	52	2	101	68	34	1380	$5414 78

* This church was written to twice, but no report received. † Reorganized 1821. ‡ Reorganized 1831. ‖ Legacies $570.

LICENTIATE. A. F. Shattuck, Surry.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Thomas W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained June 18, 1821; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained Aug. 7, 1881; Moses Gerould, Stoddard, ordained May, 1828.

M. H WELLS, *Statistical Secretary.*

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'h Sch'l.	Chur. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Oct., 1802	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S.	7	15	22					1			1			50	$8 59
Colebrook,	1802	Caleb Page,	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S.	17	36	53	8	2		2	3			3			65	177 02
Dalton,	No record.	D. McClenning,	April, 1842	S. S.	8	17	25	6	9									100	52 00
Franconia,	April, 1814	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S.	6	10	16	2	2		2					2		75	11 61
Lancaster,*	1836	Mr. Emmons,	No record.	Not yet inst'd.	42	88	130	18	3		3	12	2		14	3	2	150	227 78
Littleton,	No record.	Charles E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	35	113	148	23	8	8	16	4	3		7	7	2	160	269 00
Stewartstown,	"				6	14	20												
					121	293	414	57	15	8	23	20	5		25	12	4	600	746 00

*The return is deficient.

The above seven churches are associated with three churches of Essex county, Vt., called the Coos and Essex County Conference. Three of the above churches are in Grafton county—Littleton, Bethlehem and Franconia. The church at Gorham does not belong to this Conference, but is associated with churches in Maine. It is usually reported in connection with the above.

C. E. MILLIKEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Ab.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1843	George Smith,	1853	S. S.	26	88	114	24	6		6	1	1		2	1	1	100	$38 00
Bridgewater,	1790	Vacant.			3	8	11	5				1			1				
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott,	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	22	52	74	13	1		1	5	5		10	1		80	150 00
Campton,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 10, 1859	June 29, 1864	28	58	86	12	3	4	7	4	1		5	3	1	144	391 42
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			4	16	20												17 00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John H. Thyng;	Oct. 15, 1852	S. S.	33	37	70	9		3	3	1			1			75	12 60
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			5	12	17	1									1		
Enfield,	1826	Frank. Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	Oct. 7, 1863	10	18	28	3	1		1	1	3		4	1	1	40	50 00
Groton,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S.	11	13	24	7				1			1			65	14 00
Hebron,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S.	11	27	38	3	1	1	2	3			1	1		100	15 00
Hanover, Dart. Col.	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	110	147	257	131	6	12	18	4	8		12	6	2	85	680 00
Hanover Centre,	May 16, 1810	Bezeleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S.	28	61	89	28			0	1	10		11			126	34 50
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 7, 1858	54	132	186	35		2	2	8	7		10		1	130	304 36
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	13	20	1				1	1		2			60	
Lebanon,	Sept. 17, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	42	106	148	6	5	4	9	6			6	3		125	225 00
Lebanon, West	1849	John H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	34	74	108	13	16	6	22	1	5		6	12	2	226	537 17
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	99	198	297	59	5	5	10	3	3		6	4	2	140	700 00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Vacant since Nov,			16	41	57	11				5	1		6			65	150 00
Orford, West	April 30, 1822	Moses T. Runnells,	Aug. 13, 1856	S. S.	22	47	69	21	2	2	4	1	4		5		3	80	230 91
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	45	75	120	20				3	8		11		3	105	149 75
Plymouth,	1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	33	100	133	33	8	7	9	3	2		5	2	5	140	479 99
Thornton,	1780	Vacant.			4	7	11	1				1			1				1 25
Wentworth,	1830	James Leagrave,	Dec., 1851	S. S.	14	56	70	11	8	1	9	1			1	6		125	65 00
					662	1386	2048	437	62	41	103	48	59		107	40	21	2011	4245 95

Ministers without Charge.—N. Lord, D. D., May 22, 1816; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., 1837; Samuel G. Brown, D. D., 1852; E. D. Sanborn, LL. D.; C. A. Aiken; Henry Fairbanks, Feb. 17, 1858; W. A. Packard, all of Dart. Col.; J. B. Hadley, Sept. 20, 1838, Campton; John Clark, 1835, Bridgewater; S. M. Blanchard, Oct. 22, 1853, Wentworth; C. W. Richardson, Nov. 4, 1885, Canaan,; David Kimball, 1822, Hanover; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury.

HENRY A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBORO' CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June 1, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sub. Sch'l	Char Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Male.	Fem.'	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot	D'th	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	Josiah G. Davis,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	66	157	223	25	7	3	10	4	3		7	4	7	225	995 11
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	John H. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1853	53	114	167	11	20	1	21	1		6	7	13	2	140	196 75
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Thomas Savage,	Aug. 9, 1822	July 5, 1826	84	139	223	6	25	5	30	4	3		7	6	7	250	400 00
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Vacant.			13	36	49	7					1		1			50	69 12
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	T. P. Sawin,	April 19, 1843	Dec. 11, 1856	26	45	71	11	11		11		2		2	6		140	84 51
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S.	8	30	38	5										75	29 00
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	96	195	291	52	25	5	30	8	4		12	8	5	276	1236 16
Goffstown,	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S.	51	122	173	38	37	3	40	1	3		4	25	3	225	253 75
Greenfield,	N. 20, 1839	Rufus Case,*	May 5, 1842	S. S.	46	76	122	11				5			5			169	236 77
Greenfield Evang'l,	1791				23	44	67	26		1	1	2			2	1			
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	56	99	155	21	12	4	16	6	1		7	4	1	280	459 45
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 20, 1839	Vacant.			19	55	74	7	1	1	2	2	1		3		3	85	26 50
Hillsboro' Centre,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S.	16	35	51	4				1			1			58	25 00
Hollis,	June, 1743	Pliny B. Day, D.D.,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	78	141	219	20	9	5	14		4		4	5	4	260	169 57
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Vacant.			12	39	51	2	8	3	11	2	3		5	3		54	
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1844	Vacant.			3	9	12	2				1			1				
Lyndeboro',	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	50	64	114	18				1	2		3		1	168	216 46
Manchester, 1st,	May 21, 1828	Cyrus W. Wallace,	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	131	331	462	97	9	9	18	6	9		15	4	10	536	746 00
" Franklin st.,	June 27, 1844	Wm. H. Fenn,	Feb. 10, 1859	Feb. 10, 1859	77	236	313	68	8	8	16	3	5		8	6	2	368	1370 68
" Christ. Mis	Dec. 30, 1852	Vacant.			8	26	34	34					1		1			80	
" Presbyter'n,	Nov. 9, 1859	No report.																	
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Mar. 18, 1860	41	59	100	30	3	3	6	3	1		4	1	2	121	143 81
Mason, 2d,	June 3, 1847	George F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	28	58	86	14	3		3	2	1		3	1	2	120	99 43
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	Vacant.			63	104	167	40	27		27	5	8		13	13	8	176	300 00
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Edward F. Abbott,	Aug., 1844	S. S.	10	26	36	20	1	3	4					1		61	34 35
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	84	206	290	48	5	8	13	5	3	1	9	4	1	343	1061 95
Mont Vernon,	1780	Vacant.			36	93	129	29	1		1	1			1	1	4	150	140 00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	Vacant.			86	349	435	85				1	4		5			469	2192 09
Nashua, Olive st.,	Dec. 31, 1834	A. Richards, D. D.,	Nov. 6, 1827	April 6, 1836	76	183	259	41	5	3	8	5	1		6	5	1	220	700 00
Nashua, Pearl st.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Benj. F. Parsons,	Jan. 25, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	58	146	204	37	3	12	15	1	4		5	1	1	125	1437 91
New Boston, Pres.,	1768	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	Oct. 31, 1855	30	85	115	9	28	3	31	5	3		8	6	8	178	156 00
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler,	Mar. 12, 1862	Mar. 12, 1862	71	165	236	25	4	1	5	3	6	1	10	3	4	230	774 47
Pelham, 1st Cong'l,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	25	64	89	14	3	2	5	4	1		5			170	504 42
Peterboro', Un. Ev.	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	39	86	125		3	3	6	3	3		6	1		200	438 50
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Williams,	Licentiate.	S. S.	37	67	104	19				1	2		3			127	300 00
East Wilton,	Mar. 16, 1823	Daniel E. Adams,	Dec. 5. 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	42	86	128	20	9	1	10	4	1		5	9	1	170	197 00
					1642	3780	5422	896	266	86	352	90	80	8	178	131	77	6299	14985 76

*The two churches worship together.

5. MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			4	9	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	none.*
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	M. S. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	39	92	131	26	13	2	15	2	1	0	3	3	5	150	$402 25
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Joseph Marsh,		1828 S. S.	15	25	40	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	none.*
Canterbury,	1860	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	33	59	92	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	1	1	75	none.*
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S. S.	37	56	93	30	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	75	none.*
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	E. O. Jameson,	Mar. 1, 1860	March 1, 1860	29	66	95	18	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	1	3	110	183 82
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 23, 1825	March 23, 1825	66	177	243	28	14	4	18	3	2	3	8	8	4	180	617 09
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	H. E. Parker,	Mar. 13, 1849	May 15, 1851	117	259	376	40	46	9	55	2	4	0	6	10	5	425	1020 00
Concord, West,	Apr. 23, 1838	A. P. Tenney,	June, 1828	April 23, 1833	62	138	200	31	13	0	13	2	2	0	4	3	0	150	217 93
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1889	Silvanus Hayward,	Oct. 9, 1861	Oct. 9, 1861	40	70	110	19	5	2	7	4	4	0	8	3	2	175	375 00
Epsom,	1761	Aaron B. Peffers,	May 29, 1855	S. S. 1860	30	48	78	6	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	175 00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1830	William R. Jewett,	Jan. 8, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	33	64	97	6	3	3	6	0	3	0	3	3	0	240	375 00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	45	92	137	43	5	1	6	0	0	3	3	1	5	200	none.*
Henniker,	June 7, 1767	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	46	120	166	54	5	2	7	3	2	0	5	0	0	177	966 51
Hooksett,	1828	Vacant.			11	29	40	23	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	29 30
Hopkinton.	Nov. 23, 1757	Vacant.			72	149	221	23	5	4	9	3	1	1	5	0	0	80	117 35
Loudon,	Jan. 23, 1863	J. Augustine Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S. July 1, 1862	21	50	71	11	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	110	none.*
Northfield and Sanborntonn Bridge,	July 8, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	50	125	175	37	0	2	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	172	263 10
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	Vacant.			39	95	134	35	0	1	1	5	1	0	6	0	0	78	none.*
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	Vacant.			43	92	135	35	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	none.*
Salisbury,	Nov. 29, 1773	W. Condit,	Oct. 14, 1850	Nov. 15, 1864	24	57	81	8	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	68	none.*
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	Vacant.			24	64	88	9	7	1	8	6	2	0	8	6	1	146	100 00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	90	143	25	5	3	8	5	0	0	5	0	6	190	409 63
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden,	Jan. 12, 1856	S. S.	21	30	51	11	4	3	7	3	4	0	7	2	1	65	94 73
					950	2056	3016	546	135	43	178	62	32	7	101	44	32	3066	$5542 31

* No contributions reported.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820; Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831; Samuel Utley, Concord; Joshua S. Gay, Concord, ordained Jan. 27, 1848; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833; ——— Morrill, Fisherville.

J. M. R. EATON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab. Sch'l	Char Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	J. Holmes,	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	22	47	69	9	3	1	4	3			3	2		95	$113 00
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept., 1835	S. S.	29	71	100	23	2		2	2			2	1		109	188 55
Brentwood,	1750	Hugh McLeod,		Jan., 1858	15	44	59	5	5	1	6	1			1	3	2	108	20 00
Candia,	1770	None.			78	134	212	35	3		3	4	4		8	1	1	193	138 29
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Same day.	50	114	172	22	8	5	13	4	1		5	2		140	351 22
Deerfield,	1766	None.			42	72	114	25				2			2			60	
Derry, 1st church,	1719	L. E. Parker,	1837	1861	65	151	216	52	37	2	39	6	2		8	24	3	272	270 75
Derry, 1st Cong'l ch.	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	28	104	132	20	9	1	10	2	5		7	5	1	50	478 51
Epping,	Dec., 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S.	14	35	49	4	5	5	10	1	1		2	3		133	110 42
Exeter, 1st. ch.,*	1638	None.			44	129	173	44	5		5	2		1	3	3			119 50
Exeter, 2d ch.,		Vacant.			33	106	139	5	2	1	3	2	1		3	1	1	190	
Greenland,	1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Same day.	14	48	62	3				1			1			53	274 79
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	T. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859		18	57	75	5				1	4		5	1	1	121	154 94
Hampton,	1638	None.			55	106	161	25		2	2	4	3		7			115	104 95
Kensington,	1859	G. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1838	June 30, 1864	7	35	42		11		11					8		111	93 00
Kingston,	Sept 25, 1725	J. H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Same day.	8	38	46	4				2			2			125	125 00
London'y, Pres. ch.,	1735	Wm. House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Same day.	73	144	217	18	3	4	7	2	2		4	3	8	225	363 14
New Castle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	9	30	39	1										177	20 00
New Market,	May 7, 1828	Vacant.			21	40	61	14	3	4	7	1	5		6			60	50 00
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	J. O. Barrows,	June 9, 1864	Same day.	56	93	149	31	3	2	5	6	1		7	2	3	177	364 04
Northwood,	Nov. 27, 1778	Vacant.			41	75	116	14				1	2		3			125	
Nottingham,	1840	Jacob Hood,	1858	S. S.	2	3	5	1										36	37 75
Plaistow and North Haverhill,	1730	Homer Barrows,	June, 1836	S. S.	23	67	90	12				1	1		2		8	69	90 00
Portsmouth,	1671	George M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	89	267	356	70	34	12	46	4		9	13	20	10	250	2439 33
Raymond,		None.			53	81	134					3	1		4		2	122	48 00
Rye,	July 10, 1826	J. T. Otis,	June 10, 1835	Aug. 4, 1847	26	71	97	9					1		1		1	100	100 00
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	George W. Rogers,	1850	S. S.	21	69	90	13		3	3	3	1	1	5			100	25 33
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	1837	None.			14	14	28	7											
South New Market,	1730	E. Chapman,	1845	S. S.	8	22	30	5		1	1							65	60 00
Stratham,	1746	Lewis Goodrich,	Jan. 1, 1850	S. S.	15	37	52	10		1	1							98	69 00
Windham,	1742	Loren Thayer,	Nov. 5, 1845	Same day.	52	123	175	9				3			3		4	200	430 65
*Reorganized in	1698.				1033	2427	3460	495	133	45	178	61	35	11	107	79	45	3679	$6244 16

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Cummings, Exeter, ordained April 28, 1824; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Charles

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Col.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			5	22	27	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	$20 00
Barrington,	Jan. 18, 1755	Vacant.*			12	35	47	9	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Barnstead,	July 23, 1805	Wm. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	63	107	170	66	2	1	3	4	0	5	9	2	0	155	
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S.	19	33	52	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	80	20 70
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 15, 1841	S. S.	19	67	86	18	0	1	1	0	3	0	4	0	1	120	200 18
Dover, First,	Jan. 7, 1639	Avery S. Walker,	June 24, 1857	Nov. 16, 1864	61	226	287	51	20	5	25	2	6	0	8	20	2	292	†537 80
Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Ezra Haskell,		S. S.	13	56	69	18	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	8	0	90	75 00
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	12	53	65	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	283 85
Effingham,	1798	Vacant.			7	21	28	8	0	7	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	Roger M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	March 27, 1860	7	31	38	4	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	0	113	103 00
Gilmanton, Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	47	77	124	30	14	2	16	3	0	0	3	6	2	80	95 50
Gilmanton, East,	July, 1774	Vacant.			8	15	23	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
" Iron Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	D. B. Bradford,	June 13, 1838	S. S.	32	59	91	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Somersworth, Great Falls,	Jan. 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden,	1841	Jan. 5, 1865	60	158	218	26	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	2	0	225	70 00
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	J. K. Young,	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, 1831	48	128	176		1	1	2	7	3	0	10	1	0	110	270 00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Chas. Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	20	45	65	8	3	2	5	3	0	0	3	3	0	80	177 50
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Dolt,	Sept. 26, 1843	S. S.	19	62	81	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	75	20 00
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant.			8	18	26	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0		24 62
Ossipee,	Sept. 27, 1806	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	S. S.	28	51	79	12	1	5	6	2	0	0	2	1	0	95	
Rochester,	1737	Prescott Fay,	Feb. 19, 1856	Not installed.	20	96	116	14	12	3	15	3	2	0	5	9	0	80	54 00
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	Vacant.			24	79	103	56	13	4	17	1	0	0	1	12	0	90	
Sanbornton,	Jan. 2, 1772	Vacant.†	Nov. 4, 1841	June 24, 1852	44	89	133	15	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	2	0	110	100 00
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel G. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	42	91	133	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	160	§372 60
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	5	8	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Sandwich, North,	July 5, 1832	Otis Holmes,		S. S.	12	15	27		4	0	4	0	0	0	0				
Sandwich, Corner,	Aug. 1814	Otis Holmes,		S. S.	10	23	33		2	3	5								
Wakefield, North,	Sept. 23, 1785	Vacant.			10	22	32	15	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	30	
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	S. S.	20	39	59	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	98 14
Wolfborough, North	June 18, 1839	Horace Wood,§	July 10, 1839	S. S.	1	13	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	
					697	1789	2486	444	94	28	122	48	24	6	69	71	7	2257	$3021 53

* Rev. Chas. Willey closed his labors in March. † This includes $230 donation to minister. ‡ Rev. Mr. Boutwell died April 21, 1865.
‖ Box of clothing for the West, and other general collections, amount not reported. § P. O. address, Ossipee Corner.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Almon Benson, Center Harbor, ordained Dec. 33, 1840.

CHARLES BURNHAM, *Statistical Secretary.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., July, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 23, 1773	Amos Foster,	March 2, 1825	Feb. 18, 1857	53	99	152	24	8	3	11	6	4		10	3	4	120	$266 72
Charlestown,	July 31, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	April 27, 1848	Not.	5	24	29	1	3	4	7			1	1	1		75	
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	59	199	258	81	15	23	38	10	7		17	5	2	200	1576 83
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Vacant.			19	32	51	23				2	2		4			65	30 00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			7	15	22	8				1	2		3				
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	Vacant.			12	21	33	4										40	
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Vacant.			7	24	31	7					1		1			50	8 00
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	Vacant.			35	42	77	15	5		5	4	3		7				
Lempster, 2d ch.,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant			10	14	24	10				1			1			50	
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	A. Blanchard,	July 27, 1831	Jan. 8, 1840	46	64	100	20	6	5	9	1				2	1	125	60 00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	70	141	211	50	3	1	4		2		2		3	175	340 00
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			4	16	20	2				1			1				40 00
Washington,	May 4, 1789	J. F. Griswold,	Dec. 3, 1828		2	24	26	1										50	74 50
					324	715	1039	246	40	36	74	26	21	1	47	11	10	950	$2396 05

Enfield and Lebanon have been with us in Association, but are not with us in Conference of churches.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, ordained February, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Cyrus S. Richards, LL D., Meriden; Charles H. Richards, Meriden, licensed May 2, 1865; Artemas C. Field, South Acworth, licensed Nov. 1, 1864; Abel Wood, Meriden.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems., July 1, 1865.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charity Coll.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	3	25	10	13	3	25	1	619	1517	2136	325	128	44	172	47	52	2	101	68	34	3380	$5,415
2. Coos,	2	7	1	4	0	5	0	121	293	414	59	15	8	23	20	5	6	25	12	4	620	500
3. Grafton,	5	23	9	8	14	31	0	662	1386	2046	437	62	41	103	48	59	0	107	40	21	2011	4,246
4. Hillsborough,	8	36	20	6	10	37	0	1642	3780	5422	896	266	86	352	90	80	8	178	131	77	6299	14,986
5. Merrimack,	6	24	12	6	7	25	0	950	2056	3010	546	135	43	178	62	32	7	101	44	32	3066	5,343
6. Rockingham,	9	31	14	8	3	24	0	1033	2427	3460	495	133	45	175	61	35	11	100	79	45	3697	6,850
7. Strafford,	9	29	9	11	1	21	0	697	1789	2486	444	94	28	122	48	24	5	76	71	7	2257	3,021
8. Sullivan.	7	13	4	2	2	8	4	329	715	1044	246	40	36	76	26	21	1	48	11	10	950	2,396
Total,	49	188	79	58	40	177	5	6057	13961	20018	3448	873	331	1204	402	308	34	744	456	230	22282	$44,757

WITHOUT CHARGE IN HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.—(Omitted under table for want of room.)—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; ordained Oct. 13, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained Jan. 13, 1819; Samuel C. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 22, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Elihu T. Rowe, New Ipswich, ordained May, 1844; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Barre, Mass., ordained Oct. 26, 1842.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, *Statistical Secretary.*

REMARKS.

The statistics, this year, for the first time, are printed in connexion with the Conferences. The reports of some of these Conferences embraced returns from all the churches within their limits and were models of accuracy and fulness. In the remaining reports, omissions in names and dates, and defects in arrangement, have been supplied by the Statistical Secretary, and returns have been obtained from most of the delinquent churches. Some of these returns were obtained only after long delay and in some cases only by repeated applications.

CHURCHES.—The number of churches reported this year is 188. That at Gorham is not reported, being connected with a Conference in Maine.

LICENTIATES.—Only 5 have been reported, as residing within the limits of the Conferences. Probably there are others not reported.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—On this item, the reports of the Statistical Secretaries were more deficient than in any other. The names of several were omitted, who have been residing within our limits for years.

MEMBERS.—The whole number of members reported is 20,018, a gain of 155, as compared with the report of last year. The additions by profession, 873; by letter, 331; total, 1204. Removals by death, 402; by dismission, 308; by exclusion, 34; total, 744. The number of baptisms, 686: adults, 456; infants, 230; showing either that the practice of infant baptism is greatly neglected in our churches or else, that there is a failure to report. The church in Webster, of moderate size, reports nearly as many infant baptisms as are reported in the 29 churches comprised in the Strafford Conference.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The whole number reported, as connected with these schools is 22,282, a loss, as compared with the number reported last year, of 1501.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.—The amount reported is $44,757.—This is not all that has been contributed by our churches, as many have failed to report their collections.

I would close these remarks by earnestly soliciting the zealous co-operation of the Statistical Secretaries of the Conferences in preparing full, accurate and legible reports.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

Fisherville, Oct. 2, 1865.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New Hampshire, with their Post Office address, and the number of the Conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, C. F., Bristol. 3.
Abbott, Edward F., So. Merrimack. 4.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 1.
Adams, George N., Portsmouth. 6.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Centre. 4.
Aiken, Charles A., Hanover. 3.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Amsden, S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Armes, Josiah L., Barrington. 7.
Ayer, Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., North Hampton. 6.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 1.
Bates, John H., Antrim. 4.
Bassett, Edward B., Gilsum. 1.
Benson, Almon, Centre Harbor. 7.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4.
Bissell, Oscar, Roxbury. 1.
Bixby, S., Westmoreland. 1.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Centre. 7.
Blakeley, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Amos, Meriden. 8.
Blanchard, Silas M., Wentworth. 3.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Bowman, Geo. A., Pres., Manchester. 4.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
Bradford, D. B., Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 7.
Brown, Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Burnham, Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, William O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
Case, Rufus, Greenfield. 4.
Chapman, Elias, South Newmarket. 6.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 4.
Claggett, William, Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clarke, John, Bridgewater. 3.
Clarke, Sumner, Wolfborough. 7.
Cogswell, E. C., Pres., New Boston. 4.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 3.
Condit, Uzal W., Salisbury. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 5.
Cummings, Henry, Newport. 8.
Cummings, Jacob, Exeter. 6.
Curtice, Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler, Calvin, New Ipswich. 4.
Cutler, Charles, Francestown. 4.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Davis, Josiah G., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., D. D., Hollis. 4.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 8.
Duncan, Thomas W. 1.
Dustan, George, Peterborough. 4.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 8.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 3.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Fay, Prescott, Rochester. 7.
Fenn, William H., Manchester. 4.
Fiske, Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Foster, Amos, Acworth. 8.
Gay, Joshua S., East Concord, 5.
Gaylord, William L., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard. 1.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 1.
Goodrich, Lewis, Stratham. 6.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Griswold, John F., Washington. 8.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Centre. 7
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Enfield. 3.
Hamilton, John A., Keene. 1.
Hayward, Sylvanus, Dunbarton. 5.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 3.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holmes, Otis, Sandwich. 7.
Hood, Jacob, Nottingham. 6.

Hood, J. Augustine, Loudon Centre. 5.
House, William, Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 1.
Jameson, E. O., East Concord. 5.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Barre, Mass. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 7.
LeBosquet, John, Bethlehem. 2.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Little, Levi, Danbury. 3.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marshall, Lyman, Harrisville. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Brentwood. 6.
Marsh, Joseph, Bradford. 5.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 6.
Merriam, George F., Mason. 4.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 3.
McClenning, Daniel, Dalton. 2.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Morrill, Fisherville. 5.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Ordway, Jarius, Nelson. 1.
Otis, Israel T., Rye. 6.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 2.
Park, H. G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Peffers, A. B., Epsom. 5.
Pratt, Theodore C., Epsom. 6.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 4.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6.
Rogers, George W., Salem. 6.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Rowe, Elihu T., New Ipswich. 4.
Runnells, Moses T., Orford. 3.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 7.
Savage, Thomas, Pres., Bedford. 4.
Savage, William T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Brookline. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Seagrave, James, Wentworth. 4.
Shattuck, Amos F., Surry. 1.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Centre. 3.
Smith, George, Bath. 3.
Severance, M. S., Boscawen. 5.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1.
Tenney, Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney, Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 3.
Tewksbury, George F., Gorham. 2.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, George W., Stratham. 6.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Thyng, John H., Danbury. 3.
Tobey, Alvan, Durham. 7.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., Manchester. 4.
Wells, Moses H., Hinsdale. 1.
Willey, Charles, Centre Harbor. 7.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wilson, John G., Jaffrey. 1.
Wood, Horace, Ossipee Corner. 7.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 7.
Young, John K., D. D., Laconia. 7.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1867.

Annual Meeting at Nashua, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of opening sermon from the Suncook Association.

Committee on Naratives, Rev. John H. Edwards, of West Lebanon, and Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, of Hanover.

Committee of Inquiry, to prepare questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4., Rev. E. M. Clark, of Claremont, Cyrus B. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, and C. B. Duncan Esq., of Meriden.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. E. D. Eldridge; substitute, Rev. G. M. Adams.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; Dea. A. Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 7 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June, Rev. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 36 churches; 31 Cong.; 5 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis Clerk; George S. Esq., Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, Clerk; George Hutchins, Esq., Concord, Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 31 churches: 30 Cong.; 1 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk; Dea. Francis Grant, Exeter, Trsasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 29 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith, Clerk; Dea. E. J. Lane, Dover, Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Esq., Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OE THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions: namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Associotion, and members of such committies as reported to it, shall be members *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. PERMANENT OFFICERS AND STATISTICS. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve

schedules and narratives of the state of religion, have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the disease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. Committees. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session: and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall sub-

ly prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which : submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

mmittee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inpuiry*, nbers of which shall reside within the limits of one Confer- ıall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions ussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two : published under his direction. In this connection the Sec- hall designate the Associations which shall furnish one on each question so published.

he Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, h other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of tion*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the ı as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary nd a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church ed with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

. ORDER AND RULES OF PROCEEDING. 1. *Tuesday forenoon*, e opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of tees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon* ırs may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state ion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corres- ; bodies shall be heard.

Vednesday forenoon. The Association will devote an hour to reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the ons and prospects of our benevolent institutions; commencing e New Hampshire Bible Society and followed by other socie- l institutions, in such order and for such lenght of time as ociation shall direct.

uesday afternoon. At 2 1-2 o'clock the Association shall give the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the Ed- Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a ation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At k the anniversary of the New Hampshire Sabbath School

uesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the ques- ıbmitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously pub- y the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may oc- teen minutes.

hursday forenoon. At 10 o'clock the Association will give the anniversary exercises of the New Hampshire Mission- ciety.

sday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend

religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be call, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Mondeator, or any two members. be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members: and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

7. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

6. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Maderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegtaes. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honary members.

2. The delegates shall, so far as practical, be selected from the District Associations in rotation. The brethren chosen substitutes in the delegations to the bodies in our connection, shall, at our next session, be considered as delegates to the respective bodies, if they

shall not previously have taken their seats there, through the failure of their principals.

3. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonials of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend in person, or by substitute, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

And in case of failure of the appointed delegates to any foreign body, the Secretary is empowered to give a certificate to any minister or layman who may be able to attend to act as delegate from this Association to such body.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its fifty-seventh annual meeting in the meeting house of the First church in Dover, commencing on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was opened by a sermon by Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., President of Dartmouth College, from, 1 John : 4 : 16.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair. Credentials of the Delegates were presented and the following members were enrolled:

MINISTERS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., Laconia; Rev. Charles Willey, Center Harbor.

Derby and Manchester—Rev. Isaac Willey, Pembroke; Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D., Manchester.

Harmony—Rev. Otis Holmes, Sandwich.

Hollis—Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst; Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis.

Hopkinton—Rev. H. A. Kendall, Concord; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville; Rev. Howard Moody, Canterbury.

Lancaster—

Monadnock—Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester; Rev. J. S. Batchelder, Hinsdale.

Orange—Rev. A. D. Smith, D. D., Hanover; Rev. N. Lord, D. D., Hanover.

Piscataqua—Rev. E. D. Eldredge, Kensington; Rev. E. N. Hidden, Somersworth; Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Farmington.

Sullivan—

Suncook—Rev. George Smith, Epsom.

Union—

White River—Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover.

LAYMEN FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Bro. S. W. Buffum, Winchester.

Coos—

Grafton—Bro. Isaac Willard, Orford; Dea. Wm. G. Brown, Campton.

Hillsborough—Dea. E. D. Boylston, Amherst; Dea. A. H. Dunlap, Nashua; Dea. Noah Farley, Hollis.

Merrimack—Dea. Frederick Sanborn, Epsom; Bro. D. A. Gerrish, North Boscawen; Dea. James M. Carleton, East Concord.

Rockingham—Bro. Horace Webster, Portsmouth.

Strafford—Dea. Enoch Plumner, Milton; Dea. S. S. Rollins, Great Falls; Bro. Levi Leach, Meredith.

Sullivan—

EX-OFFICIO.

Rev. A. S. Walker, Pastor; Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Secretary; Rev. W. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary; Rev. E. B. Claggett, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Committee reporting to this body.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Massachusetts—Rev. J. T. McCollom, Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D.

New-Hampshire Conference of M. E. Church—Rev. O. H. Jasper.

General Conference of Maine—Rev. P. B. Thayer.

General Conference of Massachusetts—Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. John K. Young, D. D., of Laconia, Moderator; Horace Webster, Portsmouth, Scribe; Rev. Roger M. Sargent, Farmington, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. Avery S. Walker, Dover; Dea, Enoch Plummer, Milton; Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Kensington, with the Secretary, to be Committe of Arrangements.

Rev. Pliny E. Day, D. D., Hollis; Dea. A. H. Dunlap, Nashua; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, Committee of Nominations.

Adjourned to 10 minutes before 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., of Concord.

Rev. John H. Edwards, of West Lebanon; Rev. Samuel P. Leeds, of Hanover, were appointed Committee on Naratives and an Address to the Churches.

Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont; S. B. Duncan, Esq., Meriden; Cyrus Richards, Meriden, Committee of Inquiry.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read by the Secretary, viz: From the Congregational Union of Canada, Aug. 2, 1865; The General Association of Michigan; The General Association of California; The General Association of Indiana.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Lyndeborough.

After singing, obituary notices of the following clergymen deceased during the year, was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, viz: Rev. Thomas Savage, Bedford; Rev. Jacob Cummings, Exeter; Rev. John R. Adams, D. D., formerly of Londonderry; Rev. Jacob White, formerly of Lyndeboro'; Rev. Christopher M. Cordley, formerly of Hopkinton; Rev. George W. Stinson, formerly of Dal-'ton; Rev. Charles H. Boyd, a native of Francestown, and of Mrs. Jane Aiken Harris, of Manchester, widow of Rev. Walter Harris, D. D., of Dunbarton.

Brief practical remarks were made by Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, of Kensington, and by Rev. President Smith of Dartmouth College upon the recent work of Grace in the College.

Rev. J. T. McCollom presented the salutations of the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. O. H. Jasper, delegate of the New-Hampshire Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, presented the salutations of that body.

Rev. James Rand, of the Free Will Baptist Church; Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, and Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.) made interesting addresses.

After prayer by Rev. Isaac Willey, of Pembroke, and benediction by Rev. Nathan Lord, D. D., of Hanover, voted to adjourn to o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Dr. Day in the chair.

Voted, To print 400 copies of the Minutes, and if found practicable by the Publishing Committee, to connect one-half of the with the Report of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Voted, To raise $200 to defray expenses.

After prayer by Rev. Isaac P. Langworth, of Boston, Mass., addresses on Home Evangelization were made by Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D., Rev. Isaac Willey, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., and Rev. President Smith, D. D.

Prayer by Dea. A. H. Dunlap.

After benediction by Rev. Dr. Day, adjourned to Wednesday morning at 9 o'lock.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29, 8 o'clock, A. M.

A prayer meeting of one hour's duration was conducted by Rev. L. S. Parker, of Derry.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. E. N. Hidden. of Great Falls. Roll was called and the minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Voted, That the subject of providing and publishing a Pastoral Address to the Churches, (the preparation of the same having failed by the removal of Rev. S. Hayward,) be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., presented the salutations of the General Conference of Massachusetts.

Rev. P. B. Thayer, presented the salutations of the General Conference of Maine.

The following delegates to foreign bodies reported, viz: Rev. W. Clark, delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. J. P. Humphrey, delegate to the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. W. R. Jewett, delegate to the General Conference of Massachusetts; Rev. H. A. Hazen, delegate to the General Conference of Vermont; Rev. J. W. Chickering, Jr., delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.)

The Report or the Treasurer, with the Auditor's certificate, was read and adopted.

The Association gave attention to reports from various benevolent societies.

After remarks by Rev. A. P. Marvin in behalf of the American Cong. Association. The following resolution, presented by Rev. Dr. Davis, was adopted.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the design of the American Congregational Association, to erect in Boston, a Congregational Building and Home for our denomination, and to collect a full and complete Library of Congregational History, Biography and Literature, and we earnestly commend the object to all our congregations as worthy of their generous gifts.

Addresses were made as follows:

By Rev. Wm. Warren, in behalf of the A. B. C. F. M.

By Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the Am. Tract Soc. of N. Y.

By Rev. John Wood, in behalf of the Am. Tract Soc. of Boston.

By Rev. W. C. Child, D. D., in behalf of Am. Tract Soc. of Bosto
By Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, in behalf of the Am. Cong. Unio
By Rev. Isaac Willey, in behalf of the N. H. Bible Society.
By Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Soc.
By Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., in behalf of Am. For. Ch. Union
By Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., in behalf of the Religious A pects of the cause of Temperance.

The public services were closed by singing, and by the benedi tion by Rev. Pres't Smith.

Rev. W. R. Jewett read, the following Report, which was a cepted:

The Committee appointed by the last General Associrtion confer with the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, respec ing their obtaining a change in their charter, so as to enable the to hold funds for the relief of indigent and disabled clergymen,

Report, That they have attended to the duty assigned to them that the Trustees have obtained such a change in their charter recommended—that the corporate name of the Society is now "Tl Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund." Tl charter has also been so amended, as to enable the Trustees to ho funds to the amount of $30,000, exempt from taxation hereafte also, the General Association are empowered to chose two Tru tees of the Fund, one clergyman and one layman, and to fix t time for the election of said Trustees and their length of servic

W. R. Jewett, for the Com.

The report of the Treasurer of the Widow's Charitable Fund w read and accepted.

Voted, To accept the privilege of electing two of the Trustees said Fund, and that their term of office be three years.

Voted, To recommend to the churches an annual collection i the object as suggested in the report.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, whi was adopted:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:
Primary, Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. A. W Piske.
To the General Conference of Vermont:
Primary, Rev. L. Conant. *Substitute*, Rev. J. D. Emerson.
To the General Association of Massachusects:
Primary, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton. *Substitute*, Rev. I. C. White.
To the General Conference of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. P. Fay. *Substitute*, Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.
To the General Association of Connecticut:

Primary, Rev. E. Robie. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Page.
To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey. *Substitute*, Rev. A. S. Walker.
To the General Association of New-York:
Primary, Rev. J. H. Edwards. *Substitute*, Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D.
To the General Association of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. W. T. Savage. *Substitute*, Rev. M. L. Severance.
To the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. Charles Cutler. *Substitute*, Rev. B. F. Parsons.
To the General Association of Indiana:
Primary, Rev. A. Berry. *Subsiitute*, Rev. R. Chase.
To the General Association of Missouri:
Primary, Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. W. House.
To the General Association of Illinois:
Primary, Rev. J. Holmes. *Substitute*, Rev. Calvin Cutler.
To the Pres. and Cong. Conventions of Wisconsin:
Primary, Rev. H. Barrows. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Little.
To the General Association of Iowa:
Primary, Rev. E. Haskell. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Doldt.
To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.):
Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. G. Dustan.
To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. L. Marshall. *Substitute*, Rev. J. H. Bates.
To the General Association of Oregon:
Primary, Rev. P. C. Pratt. *Substitute*, Rev. Joseph Blake.
To the General Association of California:
Primary, Rev. J. L. Tomlinson. *Substisute*, Rev. R. M. Sargent.
To the General Association of Minnesota:
Primary, Rev. M. T. Runnels. *Substitute*, Rev. E. Chapman.
To the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting:
Primary, Rev. R. Kimball. *Substituse*, Rev. B. Smith.
To the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:
Primary, Rev. L. S. Parker. *Substitute*, Rev. W. L. Gaylord.
To the Baptist Convention of New-Hampshire:
Primary, Rev. F. D. Ayer. *Substitute*, Rev. P. B. Day, D. D.
To the Congregational Union of Canada:
Primary, Rev. C. E. Milliken. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Clark.
Place of next meeting—Nashua.
Preacher of the opening sermon from Suncook Association.
Preacher of closing sermon, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, primary, Rev. G. M. Adams, substitute.
Auditor—Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., of Concord.
Adjourned to 1 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 1 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Plymouth.

The question of a State Religious Paper was discussed by Rev. Drs. Stone, Davis and Wallace, and Rev. Messrs. Ray, Sargent, Fiske, Clarke, Smith, Batchelder and Walker.

Rev. W. H. Wentworth presented the claims of the American Missionary Association.

The Association then gave way to the Annual Meeting of the New-Hampshire Branch of the American Educational Society.

Rev. Prof, Noyes, D. D., of Hanover, President, in the chair.

Devotional services, were conducned by Rev. Dr. Wallace.

Rev. S. P. Leads presented the Secretary's Report, and an Address was made by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of the Parent Society. Remarks were also made by Rev. Drs. Davis, Pres't Smith and Rev. Isaac Willey, upon the importance and the progress of the work of founding Scholarships in Dartmouth College.

At 4 o'clock the Association gave place to the N. H. S. S. Union.

Prayer by Rev. Lewis Grout, of Vermont.

Addresses, interspersed with singing by the S. S. children, were made by Rev. Messrs. Woodworth, Langworthy and Chickering, and Rev. Drs. Day and Quint.

Voted, That the same arrangement be made with the *Christian Reporter* as last year in regard to publishing the Minutes of the Association.

Voted, To adjourn at 6 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 6 3-4 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. T. McCollom, of Medford, Mass.

Voted, That the Secretary be authorized to procure the binding of the former Minutes for the use of the Association.

Voted, To amend the 3d Section of Article X of the Constitution, by adding the following clause:

And in case of failure of the appointed delegates to any foreign body, the Secretary is empowered to give a certificate to any Minister or Layman, who may be able to attend, to act as delegate from this Association to such body.

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., of Amherst, was elected Secretary for the next three years.

At 7 1-2 o'clock adjourned to assemble in Belknap Church for public services; where after singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. Clark, the following questions were fully and ably discussed, viz:

1. What means should be used to instruct youth in Christian doctrines? Should the Catechism be more used or Bible lessons? by Rev. Prof. Noyes, D. D., of Dartmouth College, Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, and Rev. Dr. Thurston, of Maine.

2. Does the interest of the cause of Christ in this State call for more sympathy and co-operation between our strong and feeble churches? by Rev. Dr. Quint, of Massachusetts.

3. Is it desirable to substitute the exercises of the Sabbath

School for the afternoon sermon, or can any inprovement be made in the order of our public religious services for the Sabbath? by Rev. S. P. Leads, of Hanaver.

After singing, adjourned to Thursday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, Aug. 30, 8 o'clock.

A prayer meeting, in Belknap Church, was conducted by Rev. E. Haskell, pastor of that church.

9 O'CLOCK.—Association met according to adjournment; Prayer by Rev. Joseph Blake, of Gilmanton.

Roll called; The minutes of the preceding day were read by the Scribe.

Rev. John K. Young, D. D., of Laconia, and Hon. John W. Noyes, of Chester, were chosen Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the best method of designating delegates to foreign bodies, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, and Rev. Messrs. Parsons and Hooker, of Nashua, were appointed that committee.

At 10 o'clock the Association gave place to the Anniversary Exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Prof. Noyes.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Rev. Wm. C. Clark presented his report as Secretary, which was accepted.

Addresses were made by Rev. G. M. Adams, of Portsmouth; Rev. D. D. Tappan, of Wakefield; Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., of Concord; Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Secretary of Maine Missionary Soc.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph Blake.

The report on Ministerial Support prepared by a committee from the Hilsboro' Conference was read.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Association has listened with aprobation to a circular addressed to the churches of Hillsboro' Conference on the subject of Ministerial Support, by a committee of laymen, in which they say "the subject demands serious consideration, and prompt action," and we earnestly ask the attention of our churches to the wants of the Ministry; believing that the interests of religion in the State imperiously demand this consideration.

Resolved, That a committee of three laymen be appointed to correspond with the Ministry and Churches of the State, for the purpose of collecting the facts which are requisite to just understanding of the wants of the Ministry, and a more adequate provisions for their support and report as early as practicable through the press.

Horace Webster, of Portsmouth; William Ramsdell, of Milford; Hon. Thomas J. Melvin, of Chester, were appointed that committee.

Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D., made a statement in regard to making the *Boston Record* an organ of communication between our churches. After discussion by Rev. Drs. Noyes, Wallace and Davis, Messrs. Sargent, Walker and Fiske, and Dea. Dunlap, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on State Papers be authorized to accept the proposals of Rev. Dr. Marvin, on the conditions by which he offers to make the *Recorder* a special organ of inter-communication between our churches, and we hereby recommend the *Recorder* to our churches as worthy of their confidence and patronage.

Adjourned to 1:50 o'clock, P. M.

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Met according to adjournment.

Voted, That the Association presents its grateful acknowledgments to the committee of arrangements and the citizens of Dover, for their considerate provision for the entertainment of the Association, and for the cordiality with which its members and friends from abroad have been welcomed to their homes.

Voted, That the thanks of the Association be extended to the officers of the Boston & Maine, Concord & Northern, for their courtesy in furnishing return tickets over their respective Railroads.

Rev. Drs. Wallace and Eddy were designated to officiate at the communions.

The public services of the closing meeting were opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. J. T. McCollom. A sermon from Ps. 137, 5–6, was preached by Rev. S. Thurston, D. D., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered, Rev. A. D. Eddy, D. D., and Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D. officiating.

The Conference adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN K. YOUNG, *Moderator*.

H. WEBSTER, *Scribe*.
ROGER M. SARGENT, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

New-Hampshire is not a large State. Illinois is nearly six times her size; Texas twenty-five times. Nor is New-Hampshire a populous State. A single *city* in the Union numbers more than twice as many people. Neither is New-Hampshire a wealthy State. Rhode Island, with scarcely one-seventh as much territory, can boast a larger aggregate of real and personal estate. And yet New-Hampshire is not to be regarded as altogether "least among the princes of Juda." It has ever been "a good State to emigrate from." Thousands of our sons and daughters have been blessings to other parts of our country and the world. Among these granite hills are elements of sterling character, inviting the best intellectual, moral and religious culture. Our churches, our schools, and our college, must be regarded as of inestimable value, not only to New-Hampshire, but to the millions outside of New-Hampshire. As representatives of the churches and therefore friends of educational culture, we have assembled to consult for the gravest interests of humanity at home and abroad.

Is it not fitting, therefore, to make a brief survey of our field of operations, that we may see what God has done for us, and what he would have us do for him?

Commencing with the Northern part of our field, we find 7 churches belonging to two counties, but constituting the Coos Conference, which reported one year ago the aggregate of 323 resident members. With two exceptions these churches are small, yet they have been, and we hope still are, centres of more or less christian influence. Lancaster and Littleton have able pastors, with a good degree of religious interest; Dalton, a worthy stated supply, and West Stewartstown has lately been favored with the labors of a Princeton student, who was recently reported as doing a good work, and for the year closing the 1st of August, Colebrook enjoyed the labors of Rev. Caleb Page, while Bethlehem and Franconia, until the 1st of April last, were favored with the preaching of the gospel upwards of two years from Rev. John LeBosquet. Thus these seven churches, though not distinguished like the seven churches of Asia, have not been without "angels," and have accomplished, we trust, to some extent, their mission of light and love. Some of these churches have been very useful in former years, not only at home, but also abroad. The Bible, the Catechism, and the preaching of the Word, with their mountain scenery, gave them character. Their colonies and emigrants, many of them "steadfast in the faith," are this day exerting a salutary influence in the different parts of the land. Is it not the dictate of wisdom to sustain with a liberal hand all such weaker churches, so long as they are a central christian force in the field of the Lord? In the last year's narratives of the state of relig-

ion, says one of the pastors there, this region is spoken of as the place where "Satan's seat is." I have often thought that people in other parts of the State have a very wrong notion of the condition of things in this region. Satan has his strongholds; but having some acquaintance in other parts of the State, I think it does not in every respect compare unfavorably with other parts of New-Hampshire. The truth is, and it is a *sad truth*, with reference to Congregationalism, that in these places of weak churches, the Congregational churches are worked with less efficiency than almost any other. Free Will Baptists, and Methodists, always have a man for every place, and often he proves a very good man. But Congregational churches are often destitute for long periods. What the remedy for all this may be I cannot tell, but the practical result apparently will be, that other churches will gradually supercede those of the Congregational order.

Going South from Coos, we enter the bounds of the Grafton Conference, embracing 23 churches with a membership of 2021, including absentees. Three of these churches have become nearly extinct, and two others are fast hastening toward the same melancholly result. The statistical reports, also from this Conference the present year, show a numerical loss on the part of the churches as a whole.

Several changes transpired in the ministry the past year. The pastor of the church in Enfield, Rev. B. F. Haley, was dismissed on account of failing health and inadequate support, and Rev. V. J. Hartshorn has, for a time, taken his place. The church in Bristol has lost in consequence of ill health, the valued services of Rev. C. F. Abbott, who had labored for them five years. Rev. M. T. Runnells has left Orford; Rev. J. H. Thyng, Danbury, and Rev. Geo. Smith, Bath. All these places, however, except Bristol, have obtained stated supplies, and Orfordville, destitute last year, has secured the services of a preacher of the Word.

Although it is painful to record so many changes in the ministry of Grafton Conference, yet it is cheering to know that there are several flourishing churches in this field whose charitable collections indicate a good degree of life and ability. The special influence of the spirit have also been vouchsafed. A portion of the church at Lebanon have evinced a good state of feeling, some conversions have taken place, eight have confessed Christ, and probably others will unite ere long. This, however, is not regarded by the pastor as a revival. "It is no more than has been usual during his ministry there." A state of things much more desirable, we think, "than great revivals *and great declensions.*

God has greatly revived the church at West Lebanon, and bestowed converting grace upon the people, and the Ladies' Seminary in that place. Between forty and fifty are added as having been renewed, or revived from a backslidden state, and more have expressed some degree of hope. Thirty-three have been admitted to

the church by profession; twenty of whom were heads of families, some of them of advanced age. None of the seminary scholars from abroad united with the church at West Lebanon, but some of them have united elsewhere. The interest still continues in a subdued form, and others are expected to confess Christ at the next communion.

With devout thankfulness we record the descent of the spirit's power upon Dartmouth College the last Spring. We cannot do better than to occupy your attention with a communication from the President, under date of Aug. 11th. "The first manifestations were in near connection with the day of prayer for institutions of learning, though the work has been traced back to an intense desire for the special presence of the Holy Spirit felt by some connected with the college, at the close of the last term. They were moved to seek first, for the College, 'the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof,' and their prayer was in due time answered. The interest was still, quiet, attended by little animal excitement, but deep and pervading. A change came over the whole aspect of the institution. The means used were mainly prayer, and conversation with individuals. There was no great multiplication of preaching services. Class prayer-meetings were for weeks held daily, at which one after another of the non-professors would ask for the prayers of christians, or speak of a newly cherished hope. Some twenty-five of the students gave evidence of a saving change, while others received impressions which it is believed they will never lose. Some of them had been among the most thoughtless in College. There were few of the students, indeed, who did not manifest unusual seriousness. Professors of religion were greatly quickened, and some, who had thought of other pursuits, *had their hearts turned to the ministry*. The revival will add, it is believed, a number of laborers to the whitening harvest. The prayers of the churches are earnestly desired, that the gifts of God's grace may be continued to this ancient institution, making it as it has been in times past, a blessing to the world, as well in relation to religion as to sound learning. * * I wish to commend the College to the sympathies of all praying people. Yours very truly,

ASA D. SMITH."

For the work of grace in Dartmouth College, we have abundant reason to praise God, and this appeal from her presiding officer will be met, we trust, with the heartiest response by the ministers and delegates of the churches of New-Hampshire. Does it not become us to cherish the highest regard for this venerable institution. Is not her prosperity intimately connected with the interests of religion as well as learning in our State and elsewhere? Let the enterprise of founding scholarships be carried forward to completion. For while they benefit the College, and help indigent students of christian character and promise, will they not more deeply enlist the interest and sympathies of the churches that contribute? The Lord

of the harvest make this institution furnish large quotas of reapers for the whitening fields.

On the South of Grafton is the smaller County of Sullivan, which contains but fifteen townships in which we have 13 churches, containing 1036 members, including absentees. Ten churches are favored with the preaching of the gospel the most of the time, although only five or six of them are self-supporting, and only three just now have settled pastors. The churches in Acworth and Meriden have each of them dismissed and received a pastor during the year under report; and Newport has lost an excellent minister who, the last month, closed a pastorate of fifteen years, to accept a call from Rutland, Mass. Also Rev. J. F. Griswold, stated supply in Washington for about twenty years, closed his labors there several months ago.

While a few hopeful conversions have taken place in other parts of the County, Meriden has enjoyed a precious visitation from on high. The week of prayer was prolonged "with marked interest and attention," although the spirit's power was not largely developed until the Spring term of the Academy. "Our new pastor," writes Dr. Richards, "entered very earnestly into the work. None but ordinary means were employed, and but one additional meeting in the week was appointed. The interest was not entirely confined to the school. There was the hearing ear very generally manifested. Very many came to the house of God who had been for a long time strangers there; and there was a new willingness to contribute to the support of the gospel."

The number of hopeful conversions is not definitely stated. The estimate of from fifty to seventy-five is given, but with some hesitation. Twenty-six were admitted to the church in July, seventeen of them by profession. Most of the students unite with the churches at their homes. We have cause for special interest in this revival at K. U. Academy, as it has brought minds, pursuing a course of education, into the service of the Divine Redeemer. "Praise ye the Lord."

Still further South lies another County, whose 25 Congregational churches constitute the Cheshire Conference; the pastors and stated supplies of which, with a single exception, form also one ministerial association named after their magnificent Monadnock. Of these churches, having a membership of 2179, including absentees, three-fourths are self-supporting, of which full one-fourth are favored with considerable numerical and pecuniary strength, and nearly all of them have a moral power that gives them more than a name to live. Some of them are giving thought and effort to the work of home evangelization; several report an increase in their Sabbath Schools, and others have engaged with some degree of zeal in the diffusion of religious reading, especially among those not reached by the ordinary means of grace. There have, however, been several ministerial changes within the limits of this Conference. The able and

excellent pastor of the church in Hinsdale closed his labors there one year ago, and was succeeded in March, by Rev. John S. Batchelder, formerly of Jaffrey, N. H.

Rev. John H. Hamilton closed his junior pastorate of about four and one-half years at Keene, in September, 1865, and on the 16th of August, 1866, Rev. J. A. Leach was installed in his place. The church at Walpole, a year ago, received for their pastor, Mr. G. H. DeBevois, from Andover, Mass. Rev. A. J. Foedick was dismissed in March last from his pastoral charge in New-Alstead, which has extended a call to Rev. I. T. Otis, late of Rye, N. H. Rev. A. T. Shattuck has closed his labors as stated supply in Surry; Rev. Lyman Marshall, in Harrisville; Rev. Wm. Ordway, in Nelson; and Rev. E. B. Bassett, in Gilsum, while the church in Langdon has received, as stated supply, Rev. Moses Gerould, who has been for many years a faithful and devoted laborer in this State. So many changes in the ministry are not indications of good; they are wont to be unfavorable to special interest and religious progress. Yet we are permitted to record special visitations of mercy to some of the churches.

A gentle refreshing from the power of the Lord has been experienced in Fitzwilliam. Eighteen or twenty, all members of the Sabbath School, have given evidence of conversion, and twelve, most of them heads of families, have confessed Christ before the world. A dying member of the church sent messages of love to seven adult friends, and made them the subject of prayer. During the last year the entire seven entered into covenant relation with the people of God. A word fitly spoken, how precious it often is!

The venerable senior pastor of the church in Keene, writes the 6th of August, "We have had indeed an interesting movement. About twenty have already united with the church, and a considerable number of others have indulged a hope in Christ, and there are still occasional conversions."

In reply to a note of inquiry, the pastor of the church in Stoddard informs us, under date of Aug. 4th, "We have enjoyed a work of grace here. Thirty or more indulge a hope of having experienced a saving grace. Seventeen from the age of 21 to 85, have already united with the church as fruits of the revival, and more will probably be admitted at the next communion."

Turning to the East from Cheshire, we come within the bounds of Hillsboro' Conference, embracing 31 Congregational and 5 Presbyterian churches, whose resident membership is 4453. Twenty of these churches have pastors, four of them, Bedford, Mt. Vernon, Nashua first, and Temple, having recieved theirs the past year. Antrim, Brookline, Franklin St. Manchester, and New-Boston, have lost their pastors since the last meeting of this body, and now, with Merrimack, are supposed to be anxious to obtain able and faithful men to fill the vacancies. The Mission church in Manchester is again favored with the labors of Rev. T. P. Sawin, its former pastor.

Although changes have transpired, yet nearly all the churches are favored with the constant preaching of the gospel from either transient or stated supplies, and a good degree of outward prosperity is reported, Sabbath services being well attended, prayer meetings sustained with more than usual interest, and Sabbath School in a flourishing condition."

Although the two churches in Greenfield have not effected a union, yet they continue to worship together, and it is earnestly hoped that they twain will soon become *permanently one.*

To several of the churches in this Conference, God has been specially gracious. During the Winter and Spring, an awakening was experienced in Mason Village, which added several to the church. For several months a more powerful work was carried on in the parish of Temple and Sharon, resulting in the hopeful conversion of sixty souls.

It is hoped also, that upwards of fifty have been born of God in Mt. Vernon, the result of a great awakening there. Upon the evangelical churches in Nashua, was poured, last winter a spirit of prayer and christian union which brought them "together with one accord in one place," the first week in Jan., and "by the 2d or 3d weeks, when cases of conversion began to be developed, the largest churches were crowded to overflowing, galleries and aisles one compact mass, gathered to listen to the prayers and exhortations of the people of God, and the story of redeeming love as it came warm and gushing from the hearts of new-born souls." These prayer meetings were succeeded by a series of union lectures, the churches meanwhile carrying on the work in their respective parishes. As the result of their work, it is judged that at least 150 souls were born again, many of whom have united with the Congregational churches. The number of conversions, says the Conference report, is not large, when we take into view the population of the place and the membership of the churches, yet it is such a refreshing and such a manifestation of God's goodness, as Nashua has not enjoyed for many years. The character of the converts is such as adds greatly to the strength of the churches," many of them young men, and many heads of families in the vigor of life.

We thankfully record the grace of God, also, upon Bennington. The week of prayer was observed; the church was revived; the ungodly were awakened; 14 give of conversion; 11 have confessed Christ, and the prospects of the church, was much cast down by the depressing trials of former years. are greatly brightened. Such, in brief, is the record of Hillsboro' Conference.

Adjacent on the North is Merrimack County, in which we have 24 churches, embracing a resident membership of 2345, all favored with the preaching of the gospel, except Andover, which has been entirely destitute several years. Only 12 of these churches, however, are provided with pastors, three having been settled the past year at Hopkinton, Pittsfield and Warner. The church in Dunbar-

ton has lost a highly valued pastor, who felt it duty to ask his dismission to accept a call from South Berwick. Concord, South, has given another able and faithful pastor to Dartmouth College. Rev. E. O. Jameson has left his pastoral charge at East Concord, for a field of labor out of the State, and Rev. A. A. Baker, late of Cornwall, Vt., has, for one year, taken his place; Rev. A. B. Peffers, stated supply about five years at Epsom, has also left the State, and is preaching at North Wrentham, Mass., and Rev. George Smith late of Bath has succeeded him.

Although no general revival is reported within the limits of the Conference, yet some special interest has been enjoyed, and hopeful conversions have taken place. "The loss by death and dismission has been comparatively small, and the number of members has considerably increased." "The interest in the usual service of the Lord's day has been very good, and the Sabbath School work has been carried on with even more than usual energy and apparent success," many of the converts belonging to this institution. "In one of the schools reported, a class of seven gave six souls to the Lord," yet it is stated that among the subjects of renewing grace, "a goodly company are the heads of families." In one place, out of twelve or fourteen born again, nine belong to this class. It is gratifying to learn, also, that the extra means of grace employed in some places have had the effect to "render the followers of Christ more thoughtful, earnest and prayerful," and that "the mind of the church, as seen in the reports, seems peculiarly disposed to religious revival.

We next proceed to the 31 churches of Rockingham Conference, several of them very ancient, one of them, Hampton, the oldest in the State. A year ago they reported a resident membership of 2814. 14 churches number over 100 total; 4, over 200; and one, that at Portsmouth, over 300. These churches are nearly all provided with pastors or stated supplies. The material changes have been few. Rev. Hugh McLeod was dismissed at his request last Oct. from Brentwood, to enter the service of the Christian Commission in Texas; more recently, Rev. Loren Thayer was dismissed on account of ill health from the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church in Windham, and Rev. I. T. Otis, from Rye; and Rev. Jacob Hood, stated supply, has left Nottingham. On the other hand, Exeter, 2d Church, Hampton, Candia and Deerfield, have all received pastors, and Newmarket and Northwood, stated supplies. Kensington, though having but a small church, has built a beautiful house of worship, and, by the blessing of God, paid for it and filled it.

Hampton and Hampstead have each been blest with a revival which brought 21 into one church, and 24 into the other. Quickening visitations of the Spirit have been experienced also by other churches, but no definite information has been obtained.

Three counties and 29 churches, with a resident membership of 1936 are embraced in Strafford Conference within whose bounds we are assembled. These churches are favored with the services of 23

ministers, eight of them settled pastors, and fifteen, stated supplies, several of whom have labored longer in their respective places than the average duration of pastorates. No death has occurred, and but one, Rev. D. B. Bradford, of Gilmanton Iron Works, has left his field of labor which is now occupied by Rev. Jeremiah Blake. Salmon Falls and Wakefield, last year reported destitute, are now blest with the stated ministration of the Word. The ancient church of Sanbornton, last year without a settled pastor for the first time since its organization 94 years ago, has again received an under shepherd as stated supply. Even Alton and North Wolfboro' are supplied a part of the time, and at two stations, Lee and Ossipee Corner, where we have no ecclesiastical organization, the gospel is preached. Only four churches are entirely destitute, being too feeble, or too devoid of life to sustain public worship. Most of the churches of this Conference are represented as firmly adhering to the doctrines of evangelical truth; as cherishing affectionate regard for those placed over in the gospel; as evincing "a fair measure of benevolence;" and as heartily enlisted in the great moral and social enterprise of good, as the cause of Temperance and that of Education; while the most of them maintain stated meetings for prayer. Yet tender lamentations are expressed that the members are not more zealous and active for the salvation of men. In several places the past winter and spring there were marked indications of coming good, and strong hopes were entertained that the set time to favor Zion was at hand; but as "the work was hindered from reaching full results," it was urged upon the people of God at the last meeting of the Conference "to search and see why the Spirit was grieved away." Yet mercy drops have fallen, and in several places converting power has been vouchsafed, in Centre Harbor as many as twelve giving evidence of a saving change. It is gratifying, also, to learn that some of the churches have had the joy the past year of gathering in a part of the fruits of former revivals; as Ossipee, Sandwich, Sanbornton, Farmington, Durham and Laconia. This very ancient church whose cordial hospitality is extended to these "strangers elect," we heartily congratulate on having lately received to your fellowship, 6 by letter, and 41 by profession. At the close of the *next two and a quarter centuries*, may this Zion be found, not only flourishing, but living in the light of the millennial day.

This completes our specific narrative of the state of religion within the eight Conferences of our beloved Commonwealth. From all we can gather, we judge that general harmony prevails among our churches, that some advance has been made the past year in contributions to causes of benevolence, that the attendance on public worship is about the same as usual, and that Sabbath Schools are sustained with a good degree of interest and success. These schools are evidently regarded as essential to the prosperity of Zion, and from their influence on the 23,532 members brought under their instruction, we hope for great and good results.

In some of our counties the cause of Temperance is receiving increased attention, and there are indications of tendencies towards a general movement. Temperance organizations are not uncommon, as "Sons of Temperance;" "Daughters of Temperance;" "Bands of Hope;" and "Dash-Aways." Nor are the places few where the people have for a time at least, suppressed the traffic by the arm of the law. Neither are temperance addresses unknown. And is there not just cause for all this and vastly more? The vice spreads; its progress is appalling; its victims tens of thousands; its woes unutterable. The demand for action, therefore, is stronger than words can express. But there is no concert; no readoption of temperance principles; no general system of operations. Are we prepared for a general movement? Can we reunite on the old creed of total abstinence, moral suasion, and legal prohibition? Will not the ministers and churches of New Hampshire take earnest hold of this cause?

More attention is also given to the subject of misterial support. Discussion has been had, and in one county, a published appeal from a committee of laymen has been circulated. Many societies have increased the salaries of their ministers; others have tried to supply the lack by donations, and the conviction is evidently gaining ground that it is both unwise and criminal to withhold the tithes from the Levites. But a large amounts of want still exists. A voice from one of our Conferences is not very unlike the wail of anxiety and distress. "In view of the high prices it is becoming an increasingly perplexing question, how ministers can subsist in comfort, and with due giving of themselves to the work of their calling, on the salaries to which they submitted during the war with the hope of subsequent relief. Unreplenished libraries, empty wardrobes, meagre fare, worn garments, families in anxiety, and children untaught because their fathers cannot give them means for education, are evils which stare some of our ministers in the face, and anxious hearts are compelled to inquire whether duty requires them to resort to other means of subsistence. Societies must give more attention to this matter, or a starved ministry will be forced to abandon their calling and leave the churches to famish." Would it be wise to call a convention of the churches to take up this subject?

Such is our survey of the field occupied by the 189 churches of this Association. Some of them are nearly extinct; others are hastening to the same result. But while some *decrease*, others *increase*. They are a great moral power in the State. They always have been. They have promoted the gravest interests of men for time and for eternity. God can make them the medium of still greater good. He can give them new life, new vigor, new power of conquest. What precious reassurances he gave us the past year that "his hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

For our Zion it becomes us to cherish the strongest, tenderest re-

gards. Her polity, her faith, her catholic spirit, her freedom of thought, her hatred of oppression, her love of learning, render her justly dear to our hearts. A dying believer was told that his time was short; "Then," said he, "take me out of bed and place me on my knees, that I may pray for the church once more." Said God's ancient people in a strange land, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Such let our spirit be. And may the Great Head of the Church revive his people, and lead "forth conquering and to conquer."

E. B. CLAGGETT,
CHARLES CUTLER.

OBITUARIES.

The Lord has dealt graciously with the pastors of the State during the year, not one of whom has been called away by death. And yet death has not been idle. Two of the fathers in the ministry have been summoned, each of them after having completed an active service of more than forty years. Of these we must speak, while we should not omit to record the removal of others, who in time past, served our churches.

Rev. Thomas Savage was born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 2, 1793, was graduated at Harvard College in 1813; studied divinity at Cambridge; was ordained minister at large by the Mississippi Presbytery, at Natchez, Aug. 9, 1822; was installed over the Presbyterian church in Bedford, July 5, 1826; was dismissed Jan. 3, 1866, and died May 8, 1866. Mr. S. was possessed of peculiar excellence of character. As a scholar he was exact and thorough. He was not a theologian in the technical sense of the word, but with a clear, experimental knowledge of the great truths of the Scriptures, who was wont to present them with wonderful simplicity and force. His style was rich and chaste, adorned with many an apt quotation from the English classics, rendering his preaching peculiarly vivid and attractive. He was eminently cordial and social. The men of learning, the lady of fashion, the uncultivated laborer, and the little child, were equally at ease in his company, and instructed by his conversation. His heart overflowed with kindness and love, no one ever suspecting him of guile. He was eminently unselfish, always ready to sacrifice himself and his own interests for the good of others. He, like others, had trials in the ministry, but he was always calm, kind, forgiving and forgetting injuries. His faith in Christ was a living, controlling principle, and yet love seemed, if possible, more prominent. God blessed his labors with repeated revivals, a precious and faithful vision of the Holy Spirit being experienced,

even in the last year of his pastorate. Last year the infirmities of age admonished him that it was time to commit the care of his parish to younger hands. He therefore resigned, and had the pleasure of aiding in the installation of a successor. And yet he continued to preach, though with increasing weakness, till the last Sabbath but one of his life. A brief but painful illness of a few but happy days preceding a death full of hope. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of the generation which grew up under his ministry, and that memory is blessed.

Rev. JACOB CUMMINGS, of Scottish descent, was born in Warren, Mass., Dec. 5, 1792; became vitally interested in religion in 1812, and united with the church in Thetford, Vt., Dec. 12, 1813. He was fitted for college at Phillips' Academy. Andover, Mass., and was graduated at Dartmouth in 1819. From October of the same year, till the close of 1820, he was a member of the Theological Seminary, at Andover, when he went to Atkinson, N. H., to teach in the Academy. Having received license to preach from the Haverhill Association in August, 1821, he continued to teach and preach in Atkinson, until August, 1822, when he went to Hampton to teach. While there he became interested in the state of things in Stratham, at that time a spiritual desolation. After supplying them for nearly a year, he was ordained over the small church there, April 28, 1824. Remaining at Stratham till December, 1834, he was dismissed, and in January, 1835, was installed over the church in Sharon, Mass. On account of the anti-mason excitement then raging, he was dismissed in November, 1837. From March, 1838, to March, 1841, he was pastor of the church in Southboro', Mass. Nov. 15, 1843, he was installed over the church at Hillsboro' Bridge, where he labored till the Fall of 1856, when, as he wrote, "in consequence of an attempt to put me under a *starvation process*, I gave up my relation to the parish or society, though at the request of the church I retained my pastoral relation." He was nominally pastor of that church till his death. During the last ten years of his life he resided at Exeter, where he died June 20, 1866. Though of late without a pastoral charge, he was by no means idle. He labored to the end, for the good of the churches, preaching to such as were feeble, encouraging them in their struggles, and stimulating his ministerial brethren to faithfulness in the Master's service. Mr. Cummings was a thorough scholar, a sound theologian, an able preacher. Though not possessed of the graces of oratory, he was earnest, bold, and persuasive, shunning not to declare all the counsel of God. And though "his delivery of written sermons might have been felt sometimes to be too slow and dull, yet he was wont to warm up and become eloquent when he had no notes before him." He was eminently self-denying. He never received a support from any people where he labored, by at least two hundred dollars a year. Yet the Lord cared for him, as He will for all who with like faith and zeal

go forth showing precious seed. He was a good man maintaining cheerful resignation to the will of the great Ruler; firmly confiding in his character and government, meek, charitable and forgiving toward men, and conscientiously devoted to the Master's service.

Of those who have served our churches in the ministry in times past, but had removed from the State was

Rev. JOHN R. ADAMS, D. D., who was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Londonderry, Oct. 5, 1831, where he labored for seven years. Dr. Adams was born at Andover, Mass., where he fitted for college; he was graduated at Yale, in 1821, and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1826. After leaving Londonderry, he preached three years at Great Falls; was then settled for several years at Brighton, Mass., and afterwards at Gorham, Me. At the breaking out of the war he entered the army as Chaplain of the 5th Maine Regiment, and afterwards served the 121st New York Regiment, in the same capacity. These services continued during the war. He was a brave, energetic, devoted man, loyal to his country and his God. He died at Northampton, Mass., April 25, 1866, aged 64.

Rev. JACOB WHITE was pastor of the church in Lyndeboro,' from Jan. 13, 1830, to June 30, 1840. He was born at East Bridgewater, Mass., Nov. 20, 1806; was graduated at Brown University, in 1832, and at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1835. After leaving Lyndeboro', he preached nearly a year at Plymouth, Mass., and was then for twenty years pastor of the church in Orleans, Mass. For the last few years he suffered from feeble health, preaching only a part of the time. He was residing temporarily at Lyndeboro' when he died suddenly of congestion of the lungs, on the 3d of April last. He was a man of a well educated and scholarly mind; of a smooth, flowing and chaste style as a writer, and a highly esteemed minister of the gospel. He leaves an afflicted widow of very amiable qualities and christian character.

Rev. CHRISTOPHER M. CORDLEY, was pastor of the church in Hopkinton from Sept. 5, 1849, to Feb. 4, 1852. He was born at Oxford, England; came to this country at the age of 12 years; graduated at Western Reserve College in 1844, and at Andover in 1857. After he left Hopkinton, he was pastor at Randolph, Mass., then at West Brookfield, and afterwards at Lawrence, where, as the result of excessive labor, he died June 20, aged 45.

Rev. GEORGE W. STINSON preached at Sullivan two years from 1859 to 1861, and then two years at Dalton. He was born at Mount Vernon, April 3, 1823. Failing, on account of ill health, to complete his college course which he attempted at Amherst and at Oberlin, he afterwards studied theology at Oberlin, when he was

graduated in 1854. He was soon after ordained to the work of the ministry at Greggsville, Ill., and for five years labored among the feeble churches of the West. After his five years labor in this State he spent a year at Windsor, Mass., and in the Summer of 1865, removed with his family to Missouri, and was stationed at Maysville. There he engaged zealously in missionary work, collecting a congregation, and seeking out material from which to form a church, when he was stricken down by sickness, and died in three weeks, on the 17th of December last. The Rev. Mr. Turner, agent of the American Home Missionary Society, who was with him at the time of his death, and who attended his funeral, thus describes the sad occasion: "It was a bitter cold day, and the ground was covered with sleet and ice, and so slippery that hardly man or beast could stand. Two lumber wagons, one carrying the corpse and the other the afflicted wife and children seated on straw, were all the conveyances that could be obtained. A few people followed behind on foot. Thus we went to the village graveyard near by, an open space, without fence, and containing a few unprotected graves. There we laid the dear missionary in his resting place. Wild and unprotected as it was, it seemed to me a hallowed spot. It is the resting place of the first missionary fallen on the emancipated soil of Missouri. Mr. S. fell with his harness on. Not naturally of a very hopeful temperament, with a nature exceedingly sensative, he yet labored with a good degree of faith, and the blessing of God evidently attended his efforts. But his work is done and he is at rest."

Rev. Charles H. Boyd died at Manchester, Jan. 5. Though he never served in the ministry in this State, yet, as he was a son of our New-Hampshire churches and died in our midst, it is proper, that we record his name. He was born at Francestown, Nov. 4, 1836. Both of his parents died of consumption in his childhood. Thirsting for knowledge, which he readily acquired, though possessed of a feeble constitution, he fitted for college, and entered Dartmouth, where he maintained a high rank in his class, and graduated in 1858. Having taught a year at Washington, D. C., and served as tutor for a year at Dartmouth, he studied theology at Andover completing his course in 1863. After assisting Rev. Dr. Bond, of Norwich, Ct., for six months he became pastor of the church at Mystic Bridge, where for a year he toiled unweariedly, realizing in their fullness the aspirations of his childhood—the joy of being a minister of Christ. But his strength was unequal to his work. His nervous system gave way, and after a few months of increasing weakness, accompanied with some mental oberation, he sank silently, trustingly into the arms of death. From early childhood he lived a gentle, loving, christian life, always standing up for Jesus. None who knew him can fail of lamenting his early departure, or of associating him in thought with "the beloved John."

Mrs. Jane Aiken Harris, widow of the first minister of Dunbarton, died at Manchester, the 16th of last January, lacking only 27 days of being 90 years old. She was the wife of one the most useful and honored ministers of New-Hampshire, and was eminently useful at home, and "a mother in Israel abroad." She is represented, also, by one who knew her well, as retaining her mental faculties to the last; as always cheerful, hopeful, companionable, interested in passing events, bowing submissively to him who had often sorely afflicted her, and as meeting death with calmness through the grace of him who giveth us the victory.

Of this list of departed we may with confidence say, "These all died in faith," and "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works to follow them."

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association.

Beloved in Christ:—As you are aware, the law which should govern our lives as christians is one of great strictness. This is seen at the very outset. When a man is led to submit himself to God, he undergoes a thorough and radical renovation, old desires and affections passing away and all things becoming new; and without this, we are told he cannot see God's kingdom. No attempt is made to improve the corrupt, carnal life. New steps in life, new customs, new practices, new ways alone do not suffice; nothing but the *new life* which is grounded "in righteousness and true holiness." The spiritual career thus commenced is to be regulated by rules of like strictness unto the end. Henceforth the believer is not to consider himself as in any respect his own, for he has been "bought with a price," and that the most stupendous of any that could be given. He becomes by this transaction and with his own consent, Christ's own; and to Him as his Lord and Master, he is to render constant and faithful service. He is not to live to himself. He is to have no will of his own. He is to go where Christ shall choose, and deny himself when need shall require it. He is to perform whatever work is assigned him, and to hold the result of his toil and skill subject to the call of his Lord. He is to regard all those around him as belonging to the same Master with himself, and he is to urge upon them by every means in his power the duties and obligations which are incumbent on them. And never is he to forget that a day will come when he must stand before Him whose servant he is, and give an account of the improvement of the talents committed to his charge,—a day when he may be "no longer steward."

The question arises here, naturally enough, how does the type

religion in our churches accord with these high claims of Christ? Does that high-toned piety which distinguished the fathers prevail to any great degree at the present day? Is christian principle now carried out to its legitimate application? A cursory glance, alas! reveals the fact that the christians of to-day must suffer by comparison with those of the past. As we look over the state there are many things indeed to cheer the pious heart, and to kindle hope for the future. Many of our churches are constantly gaining in numbers and in moral power. Many are waking up to the needs of a world "lying in wickedness," and are making efforts to some degree commensurate with the work, that the knowledge of the Saviour may be sent to dying men. Our membership, too, is large and comprises much of the enterprise and talent of the state. But for all this, it must be acknowledged there is much in the condition of the church to awaken deep solicitude, and to lead to earnest and importunate prayer.

In addressing you this annual letter, beloved, we desire to call your attention to two or three things which deteriorate the piety of the time and subtract from its aggressive power.

The first thing we shall mention is an *imperfect consecration* of heart and life to Christ. St. Paul tells us that Christ "died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." Living unto one's self is the very essence of sin, and one great object of Christ's mission was to turn the whole current of our thoughts and affections from self to Him. The Son of God came forth, not to redeem men's souls alone, but to enlist them as champions in His cause. Personal salvation is a minor consideration. No man is saved for his own happiness or glory, but rather that he may help to carry on the work which Christ began, to bring back the world to its allegiance to Him, and to win new laurels for His brow. for this arduous service He demands every power and faculty we possess. Every talent He has committed to us must be cheerfully devoted to him. Every thought and feeling even, must be brought into subjection for this great work. During the late war for the union the federal army had for some time been laying siege to a well defended city in the south-west, when at length commissioners were sent out by the commandant to ask on what terms the place might be given up. The answer returned to their inquiry was something like this: "No terms are admissible but *unconditional surrender*. Your town, your defences, your munitions of war, all you possess, must be passed over to the federal arms." Thus broad and comprehensive is that consecration which Christ expects from all his disciples. It extends to the minutest matters and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It embraces all our physical as well as mental power, our affections, influence, time, property,—all, in short, that is ours. The believer must bring all the tithes into the Lord's storehouse, remembering that he is but a steward of God's grace,

and that he must occupy till the Master come. He must devote himself a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto the Lord, and account it as but his reasonable service.

Brethren, how does your experience tally with these broad demands? Have your lives been the counterparts of Christ's claims? When you entered the Master's service, you assented cheerfully to all His requirements. You pronounced all His commands to be but just and right. In the words of the hymn, you exclaimed:

> "Welcome, welcome, dear Redeemer,
> Welcome to this heart of mine!
> Lord, I make a full surrender,
> Every power and thought be Thine."

But has this spirit of cheerful and entire self-devotement been retained, or has it been in a great measure lost? In the most solemn moment of your lives, when face to face with the Holy Ghost, you consecrated your all to God without the slightest reservation. Have you fulfilled your promises, or have you taken back what you gave to your Lord? Let there be searchings of heart among you in view of these things. Ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein."

Another thing that weakens the piety of our day is the absence of that *self-sacrificing spirit* which shone so brightly in the lives of the early Christians. The vows of Christ which you have taken upon yourselves involve not only a full consecration of heart to the Master, but also an entire renunciation of the world for Him. And by this we mean, not the subjecting one's self to cheerless poverty and want, not the giving up one's self to seclusion and retirement, not carelessness as to life and property; but the giving up of such pleasures and connections as are opposed to the faith of Christ, the mortification of bodily appetites and lusts, a renunciation of the honors of the world and the praise of men, the surrender of property and personal ease and even of life itself, if need be, for the glory of Christ.

This is one of the most important principles of our holy religion. It is indeed the great law of the christian scheme. "Unto us it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Self-denial is the common lot of all disciples. None are exempt. Christ sends forth all His faithful ones to fill up that which is behind of His sufferings, and to finish the work which yet remains. Our Lord was a man of extreme self-sacrifice, and so must all his children be. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master and for the servant that he be as his Lord. Here is the grand test of Christian character. Whoso forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be Christ's disciple. We must be willing to die for Him, if we would live with Him in glory. We must be willing to suffer for His sake if we would reign with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

But is not this what should be, and not the state of things that

exists? There is a woful lack of self-sacrifice in our churches. ians are engrossed with their own private affairs, while the sts of their Master's kingdom are allowed to suffer. St. Paul ed the love of money to be the root of all evil; and his asser- as true now as in the times when he wrote. Men toil after . rise up early and sit up late. They spare no labor or which can subserve the one great end. Month after month ear after year they work on, forgetful of all but the object heir hearts. They picture to themselves a time not far dis- when the fields which they have sown and upon which they bestowed so much toil shall wave with the golden harvest,— when labor shall cease, and long-looked-for rest shall begin. while the work of God languishes, the treasury of the Lord ty, and precious souls around us and in many a darkened land wn to death.

nay be urged here that there are numbers among our member- those straightened circumstances compel them to toil early and supply the wants of those who are dependent on them, and is the sum that such can devote to God's service. This is and it is equally true that God requires tribute of a man ac- g to that he hath and not according to that he hath not. But all needful exceptions are made, the evidence is still over- ing that the spirit of self-sacrifice is far behind the demands rist's law. Luxury, dress, and the passion for show consume hes of the Lord.

in, the piety of our day is weakened by *a defective faith*. What ant is not more faith, but a different kind of faith. Our 's disciples, having failed to work a miracle, came to Him he prayer, "Lord, increase our faith," and He improved the unity thus afforded Him to administer to them a tacit rebuke. had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this ine tree, 'Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou plant- the sea; and it should obey you.'" May we not learn a les- m this account. The defect in our faith is in the *quality*, and e *quantity*. "This," says the Apostle, "is the victory which meth the world, even your faith;" but then it must be a true, scriptural faith. In point of fact, the Christian is often him- vercome of the world instead of overcoming the world; and ecause of the weakness of his faith. If we would follow fully, we must live as He also lived, that is, under the power world to come, and not under the influence of earthly things. it is observable that faith brings down the things of a future and makes them as real as the earth we tread, or the air we e. They are no longer shadowy and ideal, but as true as Himself. A true, scriptural faith brings eternal things near at and clothes them with a power to influence our lives. It the judgment day as true as if we stood before Christ's bar, eard Him judge the assembled universe. It makes heaven as

real as if we walked the pearly streets and talked with the priests of God. It makes perdition as veritable as though we walked through the dungeons of the lost, and beheld their horror and dismay. It unlooses our hold on the vanities of earth which perish with the using, and fixes it upon those things which are eternal and divine. It lifts us from the shadows which shroud the soul into the pure light of God.

This faith of which we speak is the great motive power of Christian action. It is the fundamental, enlivening principle of all religion, and the spring of all spiritually life. Through it marvelous results have been attained in the past. With this men have subdued kingdoms; wrought righteousness; obtained promises; stopped the mouths of lions; quenched the violence of fire; escaped the edge of the sword; out of weakness been made strong; waxed valient in fight, and turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Others endured torture, were tried, mocked, and scourged; were stoned and sawn asunder, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others still wandered in deserts and mountains, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, and yet sustained by views of eternal things. These all obtained a good report through faith, and secured at length the promises of God.

Let us follow on in the luminous track which they have trodden. "Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing." Let us seek to bring down the unseen object of eternity to our view, that they may control our affections and lives. Let our conversation be in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior. Let our prayer be that of earnest disciples, "Lord, we believe; help Thou our unbelief." In behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM H. CUTLER.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

. R. JEWETT,

In account with *General Association of New Hampshire.*

	Cr.	
5. Sep. 2, Coos Conference for 1865,	$2.00	
5. April 14, Grafton Conference for 1866,	24.00	
June 19, Rockingham Conference for 1866,	36.00	
June 30, Merrimack Conference for 1866,	32.00	
Aug. 7, Cheshire Conference for 1866,	12.00	
Aug. 8, Strafford Conference for 1866,	26.00	
Aug. 10, Hillsboro' Conference for 1866,	44.00	
Aug. 15, Coos Conference for 1866,	4.00	
		$180.00
	Dr.	
5. Balance against the Treasury,	$33.35	
Nov. 11, B. P. Stone's bill,	85.41	
Postage and Stationary,	3.00	
McFarland & Jenks' bill,	5.25	
Postage, envelopes and stationery,	4.25	
Express charge,	25	
Interest on money borrowed,	5.00	
		$136.51
Balance in the Treasury,		43.49
		$180.00

is may certify that I have examined the account of Rev. William R. Jewett reasurer of the General Association of New Hampshire and find the same cor-y cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

ncord, Aug. 24, 1866.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bap'tms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead, 1st Ch.,	1777	A. C. Field,	July, 1866	July, 1866	11	33	44	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	$10 54
Alstead, Paper Mill,	1842	Darwin Adams,	July 26, 1828	S. S.	4	21	25	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	30 00
New Alstead,	1788	None.			20	40	60	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	70 00
Chesterfield,	1777	J. Hall,	June 5, 1833	S S.	6	23	29	8	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	40	
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22, 1864	S. S.	7	15	22	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	46	79 30
Fitzwilliam,	1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept 14, 1860	Sept. 14, 1860	47	108	155	14	12	2	14	6	4	0	10	7	7	285	300 00
Gilsum,	1772	None.			12	22	34	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	130 82
Harrisville,	1840	None.			12	29	41	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	132 00
Hinsdale,*	1763	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20, 1858	Mar. 7, 1866	46	83	129	0	1	4	5	2	2	0	4	0	4	212	370 00
Jaffrey,	1780	J. G. Wilson,	Dec. 12, 1851	S. S.	26	79	105	26	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	148	146 65
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	Oct. 6, 1833	S. S.	18	48	66	14	2	1	3	1	6	0	7	0	0	96	
Keene,	1738	Z. S. Barstow,	July 1, 1818				407	0	26	22	48	9	8	0	17	6	2	659	1796 93
Marlborough,	1778	G. Lyman,	Jan. 11, 1832	S. S. 1840	37	75	112	32	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	2	175	150 00
Nelson,	1781	Ezekiel Dow,	Feb. 12, 1845	S. S.	51	75	126	40	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	150	84 00
Rindge,	1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14, 1821	Nov. 14, 1821	51	131	182	11	2	2	4	3	4	0	7	1	6	230	500 00
Roxbury,	1816	Oscar Bissell,	May 14, 1856	S. S.	2	9	11	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	42	30 62
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 3, 1861	Oct. 3, 1861	13	39	52	8	6	5	11	1	1	0	2	3	0	133	76 20
Sullivan,‡	Oct. 17, 1792	J. M. Stowe,	Jan. 31, 1855	S. S. 1863	33	51	84	16	0	0	0	2	8	0	10	0	1	90	52 00
Swanzey,	1741	T. E. Roberts,	Mar. 28, 1861	S. S.	16	43	59	9	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	1	3	157	71 25
Surry,†	Dec. 15, 1837	Vacant.			2	13	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	
Troy,	1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2, 1848	S. S.	17	27	44	11	3	5	8	2	4	0	6	2	3	143	107 59
Walpole,†	1761	G. H. DeBevoise,	July 26, 1865	July 26, 1865	17	76	93	15	9	3	12	3	2	0	5	4	1	95	288 94
Westmoreland,	1764	S. Bixby,	June 30, 1858	S. S.	27	71	98	26	2	0	2	3	0	1	4	0	0	80	73 00
" Evang.,	1852	William Claggett,	1830	S. S.	4	23	27	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	20 00
Winchester,	1736	J. P. Humphrey,	Feb. 35, 1847	Feb. 3, 1847	56	103	159	30	5	3	8	1	3	0	4	4	0	191	414 37
25 Churches.					535	1237	2179	312	77	53	130	52	53	1	106	32	36	3453	$4934 21

*Reorganized 1821. †Reorganized 1831.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Edwin Jennison, Winchester. Ordained Oct. 7, 1831.

J. S. BATCHELDER, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Church Mems. June 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	Vacant.			6	7	13	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	30	$00 00
Colbrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Caleb F. Page,	Nov. 5, 1823	S. S.	16	32	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	109 09
Dalton,	Unknown.	Henry Farrar,	Licentiate.	S. S.	9	18	27	8	0	1	1	1	5	0	6	0	0	50	not kn'n.
Franconia,	Apr. 4, 1814	Vacant.			5	11	16	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	00
Gorham,																			
Lancaster,	1794	Henry V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	40	83	123	24	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	175	100 00
Littleton,	Nov. 3, 1806	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	33	109	142	21	3	1	4	2	9	0	11	3	0	159	319 25
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			7	20	27	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	00
8 Churches.					116	280	396	73	6	4	10	5	18	0	23	6	0	565	$628 34

The Churches of Coos County are associated in Conference with the Congregational Churches of Essex County, Vt. Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton, are in Grafton County. The Church in Gorham is associated with a Maine Conference. The Semi-Annual Meeting of Coos and Essex County Conference is to be holden in January, 1867, at Concord, Vt. The Annual Meeting at Lunenburg, Vt., on the 2d Tuesday in June, 1867.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844		24	85	109	13	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	C. F. Abbott,	Jan. 2, 1862	S. S.	13	47	68	12	0	0	0	4	3	0	7	0	0	80	$153 25
Campton,	1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1853	June 29, 1864	27	68	95	18	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	177	403 29
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			4	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15 00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S.	30	35	65	9	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	75	40 90
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			5	12	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Enfield,	Mar. 30, 1826	V. L. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S.	12	23	35	9		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	35 00
Groton,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. ¼ time.	12	14	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	49 00
Hanover, Dart. Col	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	112	151	263	128	9	7	16	3	7	0	10	4	2	170	796 83
Hanover Centre,	May 16, 1810	Bezeleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S.	25	60	85	28	1	2	3	2	3	0	5	1	0	69	67 00
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	John D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	52	123	175	41	0	0	0	5	5	0	10	0	3	140	414 03
Hebron,		Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. ¼ time.	10	28	38	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	110	52 80
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	12	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Charles A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	42	104	146	10	1	6	7	5	4	0	9	1	0	125	560 00
Lebanon, West,	1849	John H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	45	87	132	13	23	9	32	2	6	0	8	20	2	250	573 72
Lyme,	May 13, 1771	Felix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	93	185	278	70	0	0	0	10	9	0	19	0	2	145	850 00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	Mar. 1849	S. S.	17	38	55	14	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	65	60 00
Orford, West,	Apr. 30, 1822	E. A. Lawrence,	1830	S. S.	26	52	78	12	1	7	8	1	4	0	5	0	1	105	291 97
Piermont,	Mar. 10, 1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	39	73	112	31	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	92	125 00
Plymouth,	June, 1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	30	93	123	33	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	0	1	140	459 89
Thornton,	Apr. 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	6	9	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	J. C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S. S.	14	53	67	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	115 00
23 Churches.					649	1371	2020	468	42	32	74	52	52	0	104	26	13	2142	$5006 63

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—N. Lord, D. D., May 22, 1814; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., May 3, 1837; Samuel G. Brown, D. D., Oct. 6, 1852; Charles A. Aiken, Ph. D., Oct. 19, 1854; Henry Fairbanks, Feb. 17, 1858; David Kimball, June 22, 1822; Heman Rood, July, 1827; William Spaulding, July, 1848; James B. Hadley, Sept. 20, 1838, Campton; C. W. Richardson, Nov. 4, 1835, Canaan; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury; John Clark, Jan. 23, 1835, Plymouth; Silas M. Blanchard, Oct. 22, 1858, Wentworth.

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'l	Chur. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.,	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1864	67	160	227	31	5	5	10	2	4	0	6	4	1	227	$1110 95
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	John A. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	Mar. 16, 1863	54	114	168	26	3	1	4	7	1	0	8	2	13	150	215 98
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Arthur Little,	Jan. 3, 1866	Jan. 3, 1366	74	130	204	22	12	3	15	*29	5	0	34	6	12	300	320 13
Bennington,	July 10, 1339	C. B. Tracy,		S. S.	12	34	46	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	67 00
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	Vacant.			26	42	68	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	6	130	55 43
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S.	8	29	37	7	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	70	16 25
Francestown,	1773	Charles Cutler,	Nov. 18, 1857	Nov. 18, 1857	94	185	279	53	2	4	6	16	2	0	18	1	5	390	890 63
Goffstown,	1801	John W. Ray,	Jan. 23, 1858	S. S.	51	117	168	50	1	1	2	3	3	1	7	1	1	215	153 30
Greenfield,	Nov. 20, 1839	Rufus Case,		S S.	45	70	115	12	0	0	0	0	*7	0	7	no	urt	her	report.
Greenfield Evang'l,		No report.																	
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	A Bigelow,	Mar 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	55	99	154	27	1	3	4	4	1	0	5	0	0	215	223 03
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 20, 1839	S. S. Merrill,		S. S.	15	48	63	4	1	2	3	3	2	*9	14	0	1	139	57 00
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June 1841	S. S.	16	35	51	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	50	38 00
Hollis,	June, 1763	Pliny B. Day, D. D.,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	81	141	222	20	4	4	8	4	1	0	5	2	3	330	1025 00
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Benjamin Howe,		S. S.	15	40	55	2	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	3	1	53	23 15
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1854	Vacant.			3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 04
Lyndeboro',	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	49	60	109	25	1	1	2	4	3	0	7	0	1	172	66 83
Manchester, 1st,	May 21, 1828	C.W.Wallace,D.D.,	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	133	329	462	93	4	14	18	10	8	0	18	5	1	571	1716 81
" Franklin st.,	June 27, 1844	Vacant.			72	236	308	97	3	8	11	6	9	1	16	0	0	398	1766 68
" Christ. Mis.,	Dec. 30, 1852	T. P. Swain,	Apr. 19, 1843	S. S.	8	26	34	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0 00
" Presbyter'n,	Nov. 9, 1859	Vacant.			6	21	27	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	159 00
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb 29, 1839	Mar. 18, 1860	39	58	97	22	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	0	1	128	139 83
Mason, 2d.	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	30	64	94	18	7	2	9	2	1	0	3	2	2	130	162 21
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	Vacant.			61	99	160	38	1	0	1	2	6	0	8	0	1	130	123 26
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	W. H. Pearson,	Licentiate.	S. S.	10	26	36	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	28 00
Milford,	Nov. 10, 1788	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	May 1, 1861	76	190	266	21	5	7	12	9	*23	4	36	4	0	342	1541 54
Mount Vernon,	1780	B. Merrill Frink,	1862	1865	47	113	160	29	36	4	40	2	4	0	6	15	1	225	335 00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	E. C. Hooker,		Sept. 14, 1865	86	364	450	80	20	8	28	1	12	0	13	5	0	441	1861 95
Nashua, Olive st.,	Dec. 31, 1834	A. Richards, D. D.,	Nov. 6, 1827	Apr. 6, 1836	70	178	248	50	5	7	12	11	12	0	24	2	0	200	no report
Nashua, Pearl st.,	Sept. 3, 1846	B. F. Parsons,	Jan. 12, 1847	Nov. 7, 1861	63	161	224	35	26	9	35	3	12	0	15	15	0	226	1536 54
New Boston, Pres.,	1765	Vacant.			40	112	152	23	1	7	8	2	2	0	4	1	0	190	94 00
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1760	Calvin Cutler,	Mar. 12, 1862	Mar. 12, 1862	73	165	238	25	6	2	8	2	4	0	6	2	3	170	730 19
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	25	62	87	15	6	0	6	7	1	0	8	3	0	168	478 58
Peterboro' Un. Ev.	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dustan,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	41	89	130	5	3	6	9	1	2	0	3	3	1	180	410 00
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	George Williams,	Oct. 25, 1865	Oct. 25, 1865	48	76	124	0	17	5	22	2	0	0	2	7	2	170	162 20
East Wilton,	Mar. 16, 1823	Daniel E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec 5, 1860	33	75	108	12	6	0	6	0	0	*26	26	5	0	170	257 75
31 Cong'l, 5 Pres.		20 Pastors.	9 S. S.		1626	3757	5383	930	182	108	290	140	132	41	313	89	61	6487	15736 56

5 MERRIMACK CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June, 1886.				Admissions.			Removals.					Bapt'ms.			Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Orgrnized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di	Dis.	Ex	To		Ad.	Inf.	Sab'th Sch'ls.	
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		0	0	0	none.
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1740	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	36	83	119	30	1	0	1	6	3	0	9		1	1	100	$356 03
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Joseph Marsh,	1828	S.S.Apr. 1 '65	15	17	32	4	4	0	4	2	0	0	2		4	0	70	17 00
Canterbury,	1760	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	30	61	91	26	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		0	1	100	120 00
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S.S.Aug.1864	33	45	78	20	2	2	4	5	2	0	7		1	1	-	58 00
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	A. A. Baker,	1851	S. S.	27	59	86	13	4	2	6	4	3	0	7		3	1	95	200 00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	Mar. 25, 1825	Mar. 25, 1825	65	171	236	30	1	0	1	7	0	0	7		0	1	175	900 00
Concord, South.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			171	254	371	41	0	3	3	1	8	0	9		0	8	360	862 85
Concord, West,	Apr. 22, 1833	Asa P Tenney,	June, 1828	Apr. 23, 1833	59	138	197	50	1	1	2	3	2	0	5		1	1	150	214 15
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1782	Vacant.			38	64	102	18	2	0	2	3	2	0	5		1	2	175	362 33
Epsom.	1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S S. Nov.1856	30	45	75	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3		0	0	112	56 00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 8, 1837	Sept 16, 1863	37	68	105	8	3	9	12	2	2	0	4		2	0	252	400 00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	44	92	136	42	0	1	1	1	0	1	2		0	1	200	537 49
Henniker,	June 7, 1767	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 3, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	43	118	161	49	0	1	1	5	1	0	6		0	2	174	649 42
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S.	12	28	40	21	0	2	2	0	1	0	1		0	0	40	23 98
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Wm. H. Cutler,	Dec. 20, 1865	Dec. 20, 1865	60	147	207	38	1	4	5	3	5	0	8		0	0	131	230 00
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1863	J. A. Hood,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.May 1 '62	14	43	57	7	0	1	1	2	2	0	4		0	0	97	18 00
Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	49	124	173	50	0	2	2	4	1	0	5		0	0	150	243 68
Pembroke,	Nov. 12, 1808	N. F. Carter,		S. S	36	86	122	32	2	1	3	2	2	0	4		0	0	90	281 51
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	N. Z Ferrie,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	47	95	142	44	6	3	9	1	8	0	9		4	0	180	51 44
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1773	U. W. Coulit,	Oct. 14, 1850	Mar. 4, 1864	23	59	82	8	1	2	3	2	0	1	3		1	0	68	100 00
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	27	74	101	10	12	5	17	6	0	0	6		11	0	200	186 00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1857	53	87	140	20	3	1	4	4	3	0	7		0	7	185	296 68
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	S. H. Amsden,	June 12, 1856	S. S.	21	29	50	11	1	0	1	1	1	0	2		0	0	75	63 06
24 Churches.					918	1998	2916	571	44	40	84	67	49	2	118		29	26	3179	$6221 62
																				300 00
																				$5921 62

WITHOUT CHANGE. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, Concord, ordained, Oct. 21, 1840. Abel Manning, Concord, ordained Nov. 7, 1820. Henry E. Parker, Concord, ordained, Mar. 13, 1849. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained, May 26, 1881. Samuel Utley, Concord.

LICENTIATE. N. F. Carter, Pembroke.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June 1, 1686				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di	Dis.	Ex	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S.	28	70	98	25	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	86	$125 52
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1849	22	46	68	10	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	112	112 00
Brentwood,	June 7, 1756	None.			17	54	71	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	101	111 00
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846		74	121	195	26	0	0	0	5	6	0	11	0	6	234	213 27
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	68	126	194	44	6	4	10	6	7	1	14	1	2	174	424 32
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, 1866	27	51	78	8	0	0	0	8	1	*27	36	0	0	101	30 00
Derry, 1st.,	1719	L. S. Parker,	1837	1861	50	150	200	46	7	5	12	10	28	0	38	4	2	274	274 04
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1637	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	29	100	129	23	5	2	7	4	1	0	5	1	1	74	278 85
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.June1857	15	35	50	5	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	116	151 11
Exeter, 1st.,	1638, Rg.1606	None.			42	123	165	51	0	0	0	6	5	0	11	0	0	81	unknown
Exeter, 2d.,	1813	J.W.Chickering,Jr.,	Sept 19, 1860	Sept. 6, 1866	31	93	124	36	2	9	11	2	0	0	2	1	0	226	726 00
Greenland,	1706	Edward Robie,	Feb 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	17	47	64	3	4	0	4	4	1	0	5	1	0	53	165 54
Hampstead,	June, 3, 1752	Theodore C. Pratt,	June 1, 1859	June 21, 1859	22	76	98	9	24	3	27	3	1	0	4	22	0	150	223 57
Hampton,	1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 6, 1860	Oct. 19, 1865	62	122	184	24	21	2	23	4	1	0	5	8	2	160	220 29
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1850	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 4, 1838	June 30 1864	7	36	43	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	143	54 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Feb. 14, 1855	7	36	43	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	65 27
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	William House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	69	140	209	22	1	5	6	6	5	0	11	0	13	222	235 56
New Castle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	9	29	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	178	not rep.
New Market,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S.S.June1,'65	16	40	56	19	5	1	6	3	2	0	5	4	0	113	477 82
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	J. Otis Barrows,	June 9, 1864	June 9, 1864	49	90	139	24	4	0	4	2	9	1	12	1	2	200	472 29
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	G. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	39	76	115	13	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	180	62 95
Nottingham,	1840	None.			2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	† 0	9 40
Plaistow and North Haverhill,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows, Geo. M. Adams,	June 1836	S. S. 1859	21	60	81	13	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	80	120 62
Portsmouth,	1971		Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	89	260	349	74	3	6	9	11	1	0	12	1	0	201	2013 00
Raymond,	1791	None.			52	79	131	18	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	112	39 00
Rye,	July 10, 1726	None.			21	60	81	14	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	70	none rep
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,	1850	S. S. 1863	18	66	84	10	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	100	17 53
Seabrook & Hampton Falls,	1826	None.			13	15	28	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	none	pd. st h.
South New Market,	1730	Elias Chapman,	1845	S. S. 1862	11	23	34	8	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	57	89 00
Stratham,	1746	Lewis Goodrich,	Jan. 1, 1850	S.S.Feb24,'65	15	37	52	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	178 67
Windham, Pres.,	1742	None.			58	118	176	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	200	300 00
29 Cong., 2 Pres.					1000	2382	3382	568	88	46	134	96	89	29	214	47	44	4015	$7280 63

*(At Deerfield,) 27 names of persons many years absent of whom we suppose some dead, and others dismissed without record, are this year dropped from our list.
†When Rev. Jacob Hood left early in the season; the Sabbath School numbered 65.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'l.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	To.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			4	18	25	5	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	$ 00
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	S. S	9	34	43	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	136	40
Barnstead,	July 23, 1805	Wm. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	62	105	167	70	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	160	60
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1855	S. S.	21	35	56	15	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	5	8	110	50
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	Reuben Kimball,	Jan. 15, 1851	S.S.since 1856	23	67	90	18	7	0	7	1	1	0	2	2	2	110	186
Dover, 1st Church,	Jan. 7, 1639	Avery S. Walker,	June 24, 1857	Nov. 16, 1864	69	240	309	48	23	11	34	5	5	0	10	17	6	236	*1055 47
§Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Ezra Haskell,		S. S.	13	56	69	18	9	1	10	1	1	0	2	8	0	90	75
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov 20, 1833	14	52	66	9	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	2	2	50	351 58
§Effingham,	1798	Vacant.			7	21	28	8	0	7	7	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	R. M. Sargent,	Apr. 27, 1852	Mar. 27. 1860	7	33	40	5	4	1	5	3	1	0	4	4	1	113	103 32
Gilmanton, Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	44	77	121	28	3	0	3	0	4	2	6	2	1	80	97 94
" Iron Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	J. Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S.	28	54	82	21	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	2	50	20
" East,	July 1774	Vacant.			7	12	19	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15	0 0
Great Falls, 1st Con.	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden,	1841	Jan. 5, 1865	59	148	206	27	1	3	4	1	13	1	15	1	2	240	392 72
Laconia,	July 6, 1824	John K. Young,	Sept. 10, 1829	Nov. 30, '1831	47	129	176	36	1	14	15	6	1	0	7	0	3	125	300 80
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Charles Burnham,	Nov. 9, 1841	Jan. 8, 1357	19	44	63	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	170
§Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1877	Vacant.			8	18	26	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0		24 62
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Dolt,	Sept. 26, 1845	S.S.since 1855	19	58	77	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	125	13
Rochester,	1737	Prescott Fay,	1856	1865	20	96	116	14	1	2	3	2	1	0	3	0	2	150	350
Ossipee, Center,	Sept. 27, 1806	T. V. Haynes,	Feb. 1, 1861	S. S.	31	55	86	12	6	5	11	0	4	0	4	5	0	80	111 73
§Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	5	8	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	30	
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Samuel H. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	42	94	136	36	0	1	1	9	1	0	10	0	0	150	215 69
Sandwich, South,	Dec. 8, 1824	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1852	S. S.	11	28	39	2	6	1	7	1	0	0	1	2	0	85	91 78
Sandwich, North,	June 27, 1832	Otis Holmes,		S. S.	15	19	34	6	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	6	1	80	65 52
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1785	D. D. Tappan,	Nov. 14, 1826	S.S.since n'65	10	29	39	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	‡50	47 67
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	S. S.	24	47	71	17	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	119 52
Wolfborough, North,	June 18, 1839	†Horace Wood,	July 10, 1839	S. S.	5	13	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	11
Sanbornton,	Jan. 2, 1772	M. T. Runnels,	Aug. 13, 1856	Not yet inst.	43	92	135	15	5	1	6	1	3	0	4	3	1	100	165 79
Salmon Falls,	May 1, 1846	T. S. Robie,	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S.	22	76	98	32	0	1	1	2	5	0	7	1	4	100	52
29 Churches.					686	1755	2441	505	82	52	134	61	53	4	118	59	35	2665	$4171 35

*Including a legacy of $235.00. †P. O. address, Ossipee. ‡Has an out Sabbath School of 27 members. §Last years report.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Almon Benson, Center Harbor, ordained December, 1480.

CHARLES BURNHAM, *Statistical Secretary*

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems., June 1, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Schr.	Char. Coll.
Place and name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	June 13, 1866	47	98	145	23	0	3	3	7	1	0	8	0	0	125	$271 66
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	Not.	5	24	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	62	203	265	80	5	8	13	6	6	1	13	1	1	246	855 26
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates.	1840	Not.	20	35	55	21	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	none.
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			8	14	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17 50
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	*W. H. Barrows,	Not.	Not.	10	20	30	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	45	none.
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	M. Gerould,	May, 1828	Not.	8	18	26	9	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	53 00
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	*W. H. Barrows,	Not.	Not.	33	35	68	19	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	60	65 00
Lempster, 2d Ch.	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			10	13	23	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		none.
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	F. P. Woodbury,	1865	Apr. 18, 1866	69	56	125	38	4	2	6	0	5	0	5	1	2	180	none.
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Henry Cummings,	July 16, 1851	July 16, 1851	71	136	207	51	1	2	3	4	4	0	8	0	2	175	405 52
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			2	14	16	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		41 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	Not.	2	23	25	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	none.
13 Churches.					347	989	1036	273	10	19	29	28	24	1	53	2	5	1026	$1808 94

*H. W. Barrows preaches ½ of the time at Goshen, and ⅔ of the time at Lempster.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; L. H. Cobb, Meriden, ordained Oct. 28, 1857; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850; Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848; Artemas C. Field, So. Acworth, licensed Nov. 1, 1864.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Church Mems. June 1, 1866.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Chur. Coll.
	Vac.	Total.	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	4	25	9	11	1	21	0	535	1237	1772	304	77	53	130	52	51	1	104	32	36	3453	$4932 31
2. Coos,	4	8	2	1		3	1	116	280	396	73	6	4	10	5	18	0	23	6	0	565	428 34
3. Grafton,	5	23	9	7	14	21	0	649	1372	2021	468	42	32	74	52	52	0	104	26	13	2142	5008 68
4. Hillsborough,	4	36	20	9	9	38	1	1626	3757	5383	930	182	108	290	140	132	41	313	89	61	6487	15736 56
5. Merrimack,	3	24	12	8	5	25	1	918	1998	2916	571	44	40	84	67	49	2	118	29	26	3179	6220 82
6. Rockingham,	7	31	14	8	4	26	0	1000	2382	3382	568	88	46	134	96	89	29	214	97	44	4015	7280 63
7. Strafford,	5	29	8	14	1	23	0	686	1755	2441	505	82	52	134	61	53	4	118	59	35	2665	4171 35
8. Sullivan,	3	13	4	6	3	13	3	347	689	1036	273	10	19	29	28	24	1	53	2	5	1026	1808 44
Greenfield Evan.,																						
Hillsboro' Co*								30	54	84	33	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	*95	†157 67
Gorham, Coos Co.*								3	22	25	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	75	00
Total.	35	189	78	64	37	179	6	5910	13546	19456	3730	531	354	885	503	470	79	1052	340	222	23,702	45744 80

*Returns recieved after the tables were printed. †Report of united churches.

WITHOUT CHARGE IN HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.—(Omitted under table for want of room.—Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained, Aug. 3, 1802; William Clark, Amherst, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained, June 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842.

LICENTIATE.—H. W. Pearson.

*Record revised—many of the removals occurred prior to the year reported. †Records revised—33 names received.

	Me Nu		
Belknap,	10	Rev. C. Burnham, Meredith Village,	2d Tuesday before the Sabbath in January, 2d Tuesday of May and October.
Derry and Manchester,	22	Rev. L. Armsby, Candia,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Harmony,	6	Rev. T. V. Haines, Ossipee, Center,	3d Tuesday of January, 2d Tuesday of May, 2d Tuesday of July and October.
Hollis,	19	Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua,	1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Hopkinton,	23	Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen,	3d Tuesday of January, May, August and October.
Orange,	12	Rev. F. V. Benton, Newbury, Vt.,	Quarterly, omitting the one in August.
Monadnock,	24	Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October.
Piscataqua,	20	Rev. Geo. M. Adams, Portsmouth,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Sullivan,	10	Rev. C. S. Downs, Lebanon,	3d Tuesday of May, August and November.
Suncook,	8	Rev. Wm. C. Carr, Barnstead,	1st Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.
Union,	9	Rev. Charles Cutler, Francestown,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.
White River,	7	Rev. J. H. Edwards, Acting Scribe, West Lebanon,	2d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

WITHOUT CHARGE IN ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.—(Omitted under table for want of room.)—Rev. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840; Rev. Charles Dame, Exeter; Rev. I. T. Otis, Rye, ordained July 10, 1826; Rev. Loren Thayer, Pres., Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1845. Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained, Oct. 6, 1847, preaches at Newington where is no church. At Kensington a neat house of worship has been built and dedicated.

J. H. STEARNS, *Statistical Secritary.*

REMARKS.

CHURCHES.—The whole number of churches reported this year is 189, including the church in Gorham which was not reported last year, being connected with the General Conference of Maine. The church in Chatham being partly in Stowe, Me., is reckoned as one of the churches of that State.

MINISTERS.—The whole number of ministers reported is 178 of whom 78 are pastors, 64 stated supplies, and 37 without charge. Six licentiates are reported.

CHURCH MEMBERS.—The whole number of church members, are 5910 males, 13,546 females; total, 19,456; which is 562 less than the number reported last year. The additions were 531 by profession, and 354 by letter, total 885. Removals were 503 by death, 470 by dismission, and 79 by excommunication; total, 1052, which is 167 more than the removals. The baptisms were 340 adults, and 222 infants, 124 less than were reported last year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The whole number reported in Sabbath Schools is 23,702, a gain on the number reported last year of 1420.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.—The whole amount of charitable collections reported, is $45,744.80, which is $998 more than the amount reported last year.

Ministers without charge in Hillsborough County, and other matters, will be found under the Summary, there being no room for them on the same page with the table. The same for Rockingham will be found under the table of Associations.

Of the ministers without charge, some are connected with literary or benevolent institutions, some are in secular pursuits, some are invalids, and only a portion are candidates for the ministerial work.

The real strength of our church is diminished by the large number of absentees. There are 3,730 connected with our churches in this State. Cannot this evil be remedied?

WM. R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

MINISTER'S AND WIDOW'S CHARITABLE FUND.

Agreeably to notice given, the annual meeting of the Trustees of he Widow's Charitable Fund, was held at the study of Rev. Dr. Bouton in Concord, June 6, 1866.

Proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

Chose Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.

Shadrach Seavey, Treasurer.

Hon. F. N. Fisk, Auditor.

Rev. Dr. Bouton, Rev. W. R. Jewett, Shadrack Seavey, Esq. Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund, June 6.

Voted to appropriate to the following persons, the sum of twenty lollars each, to wit.

Mrs. Mary P. Boutwell, Sanbornton.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bridge, Colebrook.

Mrs. Sarah P. Caswell, Salisbury.

Mrs. S. C. French, Concord.

Mrs. S. A. C. Fifield, East Concord.

Mrs. S. M. B. Hutchinson, Lempster.

Mrs. Abbey G. Jaquith, North Ashburnham, Mass.

Mrs. Abbey Lawton, Hillsboro'.

Mrs. Clarisa G. Merrill, N. Wolfboro'.

Mrs. S. B. Whittemore, Northfield Vt.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the General Association of N. H. at the meeting in Newport, Aug. 1865, the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund made application to the Legislature for uch a change in their charter as shall enable them to hold funds, hat they might make appropriations for the relief of indigent and isabled clergymen. Such a charter has been secured.

The corporate name of the Society under the new charter is, 'he Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund,

At the last meeting of the Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's 'haritable Fund it was voted,

That we suggest to the General Association of New Hampshire, he propriety and importance of recommending, that on the first abbath of Jan. in each year, a collection be taken in all our 'hurches for the benefit of necesitous clergymen and the widows of uch; the avails to be transmitted to the Treasurer of said fund.

It was also incorporated into the amended Constitution, that the General Association of New Hampshire is hereafter empowered to hoose two of the Trustees of said fund, to wit, one clergyman and ne layman. Agreeably to this, The General Association are requested to make choice of said Trustees at its present meeting. Also

to decide, whether the Trustees chosen by them, shall be chosen annually or for an indefinite period.*

WM. R. JEWETT, Sec.

ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

An act in amendment of an act passed June 23, 1865, entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Widow's Charitable Fund."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Gen- Court Convened.

SECTION 1, That the title of said act be so amended as to read as follows: "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Minister's and Widow's Charitable Fund."

SEC. 2. That the Trustees of said Institution be, and are hereby empowered to hold funds for the support of aged or necessitous clergymen, and the necessitous widows of clergymen, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, any provision in the foregoing act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

AUSTIN F. PIKE.
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
DANIEL BARNARD,
President of the Senate.

Approved July 3, 1866.

FREDERICK SMYTH, Governor.

CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED.

ART. 1. There shall be a board of fourteen Trustees, who shall be called The Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, not less than *seven* of whom shall be ordained ministers of the Gospel, and Five shall constitute a quorum. Two of the Trustees, viz. one minister and one layman, shall be chosen by the General Association.

ART. 2. The trustees shall meet annually, and elect, by ballot, from their own body, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, and two persons to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The President shall preside in all meetings of the Board, and shall call special meetings whenever he judges it expedient, or is requested to

* See doings of Wednesday for the action of the Association on the above suggestions.—*Pub.*

do it by any two members. In case of a vacancy in the Presidency, the Chairman of the Prudential Committee shall officiate as President, till there shall be a new choice. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board. The Treasurer shall have the care of the funds, give receipts for the monies he receives, and shall make no disbursements without an order from the President, and shall give bonds, in such sum as the trustees may direct, for the faithful discharge of his trust. The Prudential Committee shall consist of three members, who shall choose their own Chairman and Clerk. This committee shall manage the concerns of the Board under their direction, and at every meeting of the Board shall make report of their doings.

Art. 3. The Trustees shall annually make a report to the General Association.

Art. 4. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the remaining members by ballot except of those elected by the General Association, which shall be filled at the next meeting of said Association, after such vacancies may occur.

Art. 5. The Board shall adopt such methods for collecting money and establishing a fund, as they shall judge best calculated to secure the object. They may also make all necessary by-laws, which shall not be repugnant to this Constitution.

Art. 6. The objects of the Fund shall be divided into two classes; first, ordained ministers of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations, who are residents of New Hampshire, and who have administered statedly at least one year to the churches of said denominations in the State, and shall be connected with some one of the District Associations, and who, from any cause, shall be needy of charitable aid.

Second. The widows and children of such deceased ministers as before described.

Art. 7. All funds hereafter received from donations or legacies for the benefit of the first class; and all funds that have already accrued, or may hereafter accrue for the benefit of the second class, shall be faithfully applied for the benefit of their respective classes, but in case of donations or legacies to the Board without specification, the Trustees shall appropriate them according to their discretion.

Art. 8. All ministers aforesaid desiring aid from this Fund, shall make application to the Trustees in person, which application shall be certified by one or more persons acquainted with their circumstances; and all widows or childrin of deceased ministers aforesaid shall make application themselves, to the Trustees or by some clergyman or friend acquainted with their circumstances. During the intervals of the meetings of the Board, the Prudential Committee shall act upon all applications received and report their doings to the Board.

Art. 9. Any Trustee removing from the State without resign-

ing shall be no longer a member; and any Trustee failing to attend at least two years the meetings of the Board without giving a satisfactory excuse, shall be no longer a member; and the vacancies in either case shall be filled according to the provisions of the 4th article.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Board by a vote of the Trustees with the concurrence of the General Association.

Adopted July 18, 1866.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers of New Hampshire, with their Post Office address, and the number of the Conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, C. F., Bristol. 8.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Adams, Darwin, Paper Mill Village. 1.
Adams, George N., Portsmouth. 6.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Centre. 4.
Aiken, Charles A., Hanover. 8.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Amsden, S. H., Wilmot. 5.
Armes, Josiah L., Barrington. 7.
Ayer, Franklin D., Milford. 4.
Armsby, L., Candia. 6.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., North Hampton. 6.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D. D., Keene. 1.
Bates, John H., Antrim. 4.
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 4.
Benson, Almon, Centre Harbor. 7.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4.
Bissell, Oscar, Roxbury. 1.
Bixby, S., Westmoreland. 1.
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Centre. 7.
Blakeley, Quincy, Campton. 3.
Blanchard, Silas M., Wentworth. 3.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
Bowman, Geo. A., Pres., Manchester. 4.
Bradford, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
Brown, Samuel G., D. D., Hanover. 8.
Burnham, Amos W., D. D., Rindge. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Baker, A. A., East Concord. 5.
Bates, P., Cornish. 8.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Barrows, W. H., Lempster. 1.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilm'ton Ir'n W'ks. 7.
Bevoise, G. H. De, Walpole. 1.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5.
Carr, William O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
Case, Rufus, Greenfield. 4.
Chapman, Elias, South Newmarket. 6.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeborough. 4.
Claggett, William, Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clark, John, Bridgewater. 8.
Clark, Sumner, Wolfboro'. 7.
Cogswell, E. C., Pres., Northwood. 6.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 8.
Condit, Ural W., Salisbury. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 5.
Cartice, Corban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Cutler, Calvin, New Ipswich. 4.
Cutler, Charles, Francestown. 4.
Clark, Wm., Amherst. 4.
Chickering, J. W. jr., Exeter. 6.
Cobb, L. H., Meriden. 8.
Cutler, Wm. H., Hopkinton. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., D. D., Hollis. 4.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 8.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1.
Dustan, George, Peterboro'. 4.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6.
Dodge, J. W., Hampton. 6.
Dow, Ezekiel, Nelson. 1.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 8.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 3.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 8.
Fay, Prescott, Rochester. 7.
Fiske, Albert W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Farrar, H., Dalton. 2.
Field, A. C., New Alstead. 1.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Frink, B. M., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Ferrie, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard. 1.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 1.
Goodrich, Lewis, Stratham. 6.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.

Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Centre. 7.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfborough. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 3.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holmes, Otis, Sandwich. 7.
Hartshorne, V. J., Enfield. 5.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
How, Benj., Hudson. 4.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Hood, J. Augustine, Loudon Centre. 5.
House, Wm., Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 1.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.
Kellogg, Erastus M., Manchester. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 7.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 2.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1.
Lawrence, E. A., D. D., Orford. 3.
Little, Levi, Bedford. 4.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marshall, Lyman, Harrisville. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
Marsh, Joseph, Bradford. 4.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 6.
Merriam, George F., Mason. 4.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 3.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Morrill, S. S., Fisherville. 5.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Merrill, J. L., Acworth. 8.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Rye. 6.
Page, Jessee, Atkinson. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 2.
Park, H. G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Concord. 5.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benjamin F., Nashua. 4.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 4.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Runnells, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 7.
Savage, Wm. T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Seagrave, James, Wentworth. 4.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Centre. 3.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1.
Spaulding, G., Temple. 4.
Tenney, Asa P., West Concord. 5.
Tenney, Erdix, D. D., Lyme. 3.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6.
Tomlinssn, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tobey, Alvan, Durham. 7.
Tappan, D. D., Wakefield. 7.
Tracy, C. B., Bennington. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, C. W., D. D., Manchester. 4.
Willey, Charles, Centre Harbor. 7.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wilson, John G., Jaffrey. 1.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 7.
Williams, G., Temple. 4.
Young, John K., D. D., Laconia. 7.

SIXTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY:

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN DOVER,

AUGUST 30, 1866.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

BUSINESS MEETING.

ıe Society held its sixty-fifty annual meeting for the transaction usiness in the chapel of the first Congregational church in Do- Thursday, Aug. 30, 1866, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when the fol- ıg officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., Hanover, *President.*
LYMAN D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Vice President.*
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. LANE, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees Elected in 1866.

Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. E. G. PARSONS, Derry.
Hon. MILAN HARRIS, HARRISVILLE.

Trustees Elected in 1865.

Rev. JOHN W. RAY, Goffstowu.
Rev. J. D. EMERSON, Haverhill.
GEORGE HUTCHINS, Esq., Concord.

Trustees Elected in 1864.

Rev. ALVAN TOBEY, Durham.
Rev. J. K. YOUNG, D. D., Laconia.
HORACE WEBSTER, Esq., Portsmouth.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the trustees held in the chapel of the first Congregational church, Dover, Aug. 30, 1866, the following members of the Board were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

Lyman D. Stevens, Esq., Concord.
Rev. Benj. P. Stone, D. D., Concord.
Rev. John K. Young, D. D., Laconia.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville.
George Hutchins, Esq., Concord.
Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Society was held in the first Congregational Church, in Dover, on Thursday, Aug. 30, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Benj. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. J. Noyes, D. D.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which, having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, when Rev. Geo. M. Adams moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT.

We now celebrate the sixty-fifth anniversary of the NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Its early patrons and friends, of blessed memory, have passed away, but their works do follow them. "Being dead they yet speak."

The immeasurable good effected, by the society they organized, to the interests of religion, morality, education, patriotism, benevolence, is the monument on which their names are imperishably inscribed, now read and will be read by coming generations, with emotions of gratitude and veneration. We owe it to their memories, as well as to the cause of Christ which they loved, and to the welfare of souls for which they prayed and labored, to maintain and prosecute with increasing energy, the heaven-borne enterprise which they originated.

We are happy to report no death, the past year of any of our missionaries in commission. But we are pained to record the decease of a long tried, intelligent, earnest friend of the society, Rev. Jacob Cummings, who died in Exeter, June 20. For twenty-one years he was one of its trustees; almost always present at its meetings, whether annual or semi-annual. He deeply sympathized with our poor churches and communities destitute of religious privileges; when he had no pastoral charge, he performed among them much gratuitous ministerial labor. With the blessings of God, on faithful persevering missionary effort, he believed many of our waste places could be repaired. His faith was confirmed by the prosperous condition of the church in Kensington and of the religious society in Newington, in the resusitation of which he took an early prominent part. He was "a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." Our thoughts fondly follow him to his eternal rest.

Two of our missionary pastors have been dismissed the past year; Rev. A. J. Fosdick, from the church in New Alstead, and Rev. Frank Haley, from that in Enfield, the latter from loss of health. Eight others have left the service of the society, as will appear in the "*Details and Results*," Twelve, including six members of Theological seminaries, during their vacations, have entered it. Forty-five missionaries, to whom were appropriated $4,900.50, performed in the year now reported, 38 1-2 years' service. Thirty-eight churches report 1446 members, of whom 446 are males; 1000 females. Average attendance in 32 congregations 3016. Hopeful conversions in 15 do. 111. Additions to 22 churches, by profession, 63, by letter, 22, total, 85. Removals from 19 churches, by death 26; by dismission, 20; by exclusion, 2, total, 58. Net gain,

27. Baptisms in 9 churches, infant, 13, adult, 30, total 43. Thirty-five sabbath schools contain 2246 scholars. Twenty-seven churches contributed to Home Missions $624.63; 24 churches gave for other benevolent objects, $1488.88, total by 34 churches $2113,-50, a little less than 30 per cent. of the entire amount appropriated to the 43 churches and congregations. From the foregoing statistics, it appears that of the 43 churches and religious societies aided, five make no report of their membership; 11, no report of the average of their congregations; 21, none of additions to their members: 27, none of hopeful conversions; 23 report no revivals; 33 mention no baptisms, infant or adult; 10 return no sabbath schools; 15, no contributions to Home Missions; 8, none for any other benevolent object.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the society for the year ending the 15th inst. were from all sources, $8,508,97, of this amount $1,986,60 were from legacies; $6,522,37 were donations, including 2,325,39 from the Female societies and receipts from other sources. Of the receipts $907,82 were designated by the donors for the American H. M. Society, leaving $7,601.65, viz: $5,334.71 in donations; $1,986.60 in legacies; and $280.34 from other sources, for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Sent directly to the treasurer of the A. H. M. Society, not passing through our treasury, $11,555.92, viz.: 555.42 in donations, and $11,000.12 in legacies; making the whole contributed in the State during the year for the American Home Missionary Society, $12,462.84, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions the past year, 20,064.49, which is $11,475·36 more than was raised for the cause for the year next preceding.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements the past year, not including the payment of $800 borrowed, nor $1500 paid the A. H. M. Society from the balance in the treasury at the close of 1865, have been $7,866.93, of which $6,959.61 were for the cause in our own State. Balance on hand is $3,548 80. Of this, $200 are Bank Stock, bequeathed as a permanent fund, $400 Bank Stock bequeathed for current use, leaving a cash balance for current use of $2,948.80.

MEMORIAL FUND.

The Memorial Fund of the Cent Institution, the creation of which was suggested by the treasuress of the Cent Institution, Mrs. B. P. Stone, only two years since, has awakened a deep and extensive interest among our christian sisters, and promises to become, at no distant day, an institution not less important than the Cent Institution itself. At our last Anniversary $160 were reported; contributions to the fund of $10 each by 16 ladies. Within the year $930 have been paid to it by 93 ladies, making the total membership 110,

and the fund, $1,100.00 This fund has been safely invested, the interest of which is designed to aid the funds of the N. H. M. Society. In this way members of the fund will pay at least 60 cents per year, living or dead. Delightful thought! Not a few aged christian sisters have paid their cent per week to the Cent Institution for more than a half a century; becoming members of the memorial fund by the payment, at once, of $10, their cent per week contribution will continue ages after they shall have entered on their eternal rest! Can christian ladies make a better investment of so small a sum? Will not pastors commend this enterprise to the female members of their churches? Were they generally to do so, many, undoubtedly, would gladly become members of the Fund.

Unusually large legacies have been paid the past year into the treasury of the parent society; making the total raised in the State for Home Missions $11,475.36 more than in 1865. While this is cause for gratitude to God, we regret to remark, that the donations from the churches the past year, are nearly $400 less than in the preceding. We are, however, happy to credit our female Cent Societies with nearly $300 more than they gave in 1865. Should our pastors and churches decrease in the great work of Home Missions while our Female Cent Societies constantly increase from year to year in their benefactions to this cause! A grave question this. May all concerned seriously ponder it.

We now present our usual tabular view of the churches aided.

Churches and Missionaries.	Dates of commission.	Months of commission.	Appropriations.	Mo's of labor perf'md	Church Members. Males.	Church Members. Females.	Church Members. Total.	Average congregs'ns.	Hopeful conversions.	Church Additions. By profession.	Church Additions. By letter.	Church Additions. Total.	Removals. By death.	Removals. By dismission.	Removals. By excom'ica't'n.	Removals. Total.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	No. Sab. Schools.	Contributions. Home Missions.	Contributions. Other objects.	Contributions. Total.
1 ALTON.																						
Mr. D. D. Marsh,	Mar. 22, 1866.	1½	$23 50	1½	4	18	22						2	3		5						
2 ALSTEAD, NEW.																						
Rev. A. J. Fosdick,	April 1, 1865.	12	100 00	12	20	40	60	80											60			$70 00
3 BENNINGTON.																						
Rev. C. B. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1866.	12	100 00	8	12	34	46	100	14				1	2		3			65	$19 50	$43 03	62 53
4 BETHLEHEM.																						
Rev. J. LeBasquet,	April 1, 1865.	12	125 00	12	8	11	19			1	1	2						1				8 27
5 BRADFORD.																						
Rev. J. Marsh,	April 1, 1865.	12	100 00	12			41	75	2		4	4		3		3			60	17 00	7 00	24 00
6 CHATHAM.																						
Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 1, 1866.	12	62 50	12	15	23	35	105	2	2	1	3	1			1	2	2	90			38 40
7 CHARLESTOWN.																						
Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1865.	12	200 00	12	5	24	29	80	3										80	10 00		10 00
8 CENTER HARBOR.																						
Rev. Charles Willey,	April 1, 1865.	12	150 00	12	21	35	56	90	12	6		6					8	5	90	25 50	95 00	120 50
9 CONWAY.																						
Rev. R. Kimball,	Jan. 1, 1866.	12	100 00	12	23	67	90	146	3	7		7	1	2		3			110	47 00	139 00	186 00
10 CROYDON.																						
Mr. A. Bowers,	Mar. 22, 1866.	1½	22 50	1½	7	15	22															
11 DALTON.																						
Rev. D. McClenning,	Nov. 13, 1864.	12	150 00	12	9	15	24	75	6										100	12 00	12 00	24 00
12 DANBURY.																						
Rev. J. H. Thyng,	Nov. 1, 1864.	12	150 00	12	30	35	65	90											75	15 00	25 90	40 90
Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1866.	12		4																		
13 DEERING.																						
Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1866.	12	150 00	12	8	29	37	85		1	1	2	2			2			70	16 25		16 25
14 DUBLIN.										2		2										
Rev. A. J. Fosdick,	May 1, 1866.	12	100 00	4	6	18	24	51		2		2	2			2			45			67 31
15 ENFIELD.																						
Rev. Frank Haley,	Mar. 22, 1865.	12	200 00	12	12	23	35	140		1		1	2						50	17 50	17 50	35 00
Rev. O. J. Hartshorn,	May 25, 1866.	12		5																		

		March 15,	1866.	12		12	15	35	50	100	2	1	2	2	2			2			100	$47 39	$103 73	$151 12
17 Franconia.	Rev. J. LeBosquet,	April 1,	1865.	12	125 00	12	5	9	14															2 75
18 Gorham.	Rev. T. T. Merry,	May 1,	1866.	12	200 00	12	2	20	22	75	4	1		1	1	1	2	4			70			50 00
19 Goshen.	Rev. Wm. Barrows,	July 1,	1866.		50 00	1																		
20 Groton.	Rev. L. Conant,	March 1,	1866.	12	25 00	12	15	14	29	85											65	9 60		48 00
21 Hebron.	Rev. Liba Conant,	Sept. 1,	1866.	12	25 00	12	10	28	38	130	2				1			1			110	16 80		52 80
22 Hudson.	Rev. B. Howe,	April 22,	1866.	12	100 00	4	12	38	50	70					1			1			58	17 00	6 15	23 15
23 Hooksett.	Rev. A. Burnham,	April 1,	1866	12	100 00	12	12	29	40	100			2	2	1			1			38	19 44	24 00	33 44
24 Kensington.	Rev. E. D. Eldridge,	Jan. 1,	1866.	12	150 00	12	7	35	42	137		1	1	2	1			1			150	30 00	33 00	63 00
25 Meredith Village.	Rev. C. Burnham,	Dec. 1,	1865.	12	150 00	12	19	44	63	125		1		1	1			1	1		80	69 88	108 87	173 75
26 Newington.	Rev. F. Davis,	Jan. 1,	1866.	12	200 00	12															60	23 50	7 00	30 50
27 Newmarket, South.	Rev. E. Chapman,	April 1,	1866.	12	120 00	12	7	20	27	160	2	2		2	1	1		2			40	30 00	59 00	89 00
28 Nottingham.	Rev. J. Hood,	April 1,	1865.	12	125 00	4	2	3	5															
29 Ossipee Center.	Rev. T. V. Haines,	Dec. 15,	1865.	12	100 00	12	31	55	86	90		7	5	12		4		4		5	80	22 20	89 73	111 93
30 Ossipee Corner.	Rev. H. Wood,	May 1,	1866.	12	50 00	12						5								5	30	8 00	20 00	28 00
31 Paper Mill Village.	Rev. Darwin Adams,	April 1,	1866.	12	100 00	12															55		20 00	20 06
32 Roxbury.	Rev. O. Bissell,	June 1,	1866.	12	150 00	12	2	9	11	47½	4	2		2						2	42	8 62	22 00	30 62
33 Sandwich.	Rev. Otis Holmes,	Jan. 15,	1866.	12	75 00	12	11	29	39	60											85	34 50	107 25	141 75
34 Sandwich, North.	Rev. O. Holmes,	Jan. 15,	1866.	12	100 00	12	15	19	34	90	15	9	2	11					2	7	80	12 00	17 87	29 87
35 Salmon Falls.	Rev. R. McQuesten,	May 20,	1865.	4	62 00	4																		
36 South Merrimack.	Rev. E. F. Abbott,	March 11,	1865.	12	100 00	12	6	15	21	60											15	2 00	25 50	27 50
	Rev. W. H. Pearson,	May 1,	1866.	4		4																		

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						Males.	Females.	Total.			By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By death.	By dismission.	By excom'ica'n.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.		Home Missions.	Other objects.	Total.
37 STODDARD.																							
Rev. S. L. Gerould,	Sept. 1,	1865.	12	$100 00	12	10	41	51	110	32	6	5	11	1	2		3		3	143	$24 65	$46 20	$70 85
38 SURRY.																							
Rev. A. J. Shattuck,	May 14,	1865.	12	125 00	12	12	2	14	60											50			
39 WAKEFIELD.																							
Rev. D. D. Tappan,	Dec. 1,	1865.	12	125 00	9	10	29	39	70	5				1	1		2			45	27 16	38 51	65 67
40 WASHINGTON.																							
Rev. J. F. Griswold,	July 1,	1866.	12	125 00	6	2	24	26															
41 WILMOT.																							
Rev. S. H. Amsden,	April 25,	1865.	12	100 00	12	2	29	50	125	2	1		1	1	1		2			75	15 43	47 63	63 06
42 WOLFBOROUGH.																							
Rev. S. Clark,	June 1,	1865.	12	100 00	12	12	47	71	135		1	2	3	3	1		4			80	26 80	96 79	123 59
43 WEST STEWARTSTOWN.																							
Rev. S. L. R. Trask,	April 1,	1866.	3	80 00	3	5	13	18	120											25			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alton.*—No regular preaching during most of the year. Mr. D. D. Marsh, of the Andover Seminary, passed his spring vacation of six weeks here, much to the acceptance of the people. His services, both in and out of the pulpit, awakened great interest. Could he have remained, with the divine blessing, it was felt, much would have been done to strengthen the feeble church and congregation, both in material and moral power; another member of the Andover Seminary, is expected to spend the ensuing vacation at Alton. Great difficulties exist to the permanent self-support of the ministry by this church, and the comparatively small number of the people in sympathy with the doctrines and order of Congregationalism.

2. *Alstead—New.*—Rev. A. J. Fosdick, our missionary here for two years previously to April of the present year, closed his services at that date, and has been commissioned for a year at Dublin. Since his departure, Rev. Jeffries Hall of Chesterfield, preached here several Sabbaths. The church would gladly have retained him, but he could give encouragement to preach at New Alstead but half of the time, nor to occupy the parsonage, the use of which is an important item in the support of the gospel there. Succeeding Mr. Hall, Rev. I. T. Otis, recently dismissed from Rye, preached some Sabbaths to the acceptance of the people. He may remain with them. The church is small in numbers, but sound in the faith; liberal in support of institutions of the gospel, of great service to the cause of good order, morals, and religion.

3. *Bennington.*—This church, from the death of Rev. Ira Morey, in Dec., 1864, to the first of Jan. of the present year, had no stated preacher. At the last named date, Rev. C. B. Tracy, well known among us as the able minister and faithful pastor at Boscawen for many years, commenced serving this church and people, with immediate cheering results. "The week of prayer" in Jan. was observed; prayer meetings held every evening, were well attended and deeply interesting. The Holy Spirit was present reviving his work in the hearts of his people. The church thus revived, at the suggestion of our missionary, furnished the meeting house with lamps. The good ladies were the principal agents of this deed. Their action becoming known to a gentleman in Boston, a brother of the late pastor, Rev. Ira Morey, presented a lamp for the pulpit. Another valuable gift was a clock for the church edifice. This done, the church has maintained special prayer meetings of high spiritual character. Christians have been revived and strengthened, and the irreligious converted. At the date of the report of Mr. Tracy, June 27, ten had been examined for admission to the

church on the 1st Saturday of July. Others were expected to be examined for admission at the same time. "Our meetings on the Sabbath are deeply interesting," says our missionary, "the congregation increases in numbers and interest. A great change has taken place in this missionary field during the past six months. God has been very gracious to this people. To Him be all the praise."

4. *Bethlehem* and *Franconia.*—With deep sadness we report the condition of things in these churches, particularly of that in Bethlehem. Ten years ago the Congregational church abandoned their own house of worship, which was much dilapidated, and united with the Methodists, in repairing theirs, with the understanding, but without legal written instrument, as it appears, that each denomination should own the house in common, and jointly use it on each alternate Sabbath for the term of ten years, at the close of which the Methodists should have the right to the sole ownership of the house, on their refunding to the Congregationalists what the latter had invested in it. The Methodists have taken entire possession of the house, without, as your trustees are informed, repaying to the Congregationalists their investment in it. In this way, our little church at Bethlehem, has been entirely deprived of a place of public worship. Unable to build, they have been obliged to surrender their faithful, laborious missionary, Rev. J. LeBosquet, and are now wholly destitute of Congregational preaching, with but dark prospects of ever again enjoying it. A very serious mistake they made in abandoning their own sanctuary; a mistake, the fruits of which will probably be their extinction, and this at no distant day for their present resident members do not probably exceed ten or fifteen. This church began to receive aid from our Missionary Society in the second year of the Society's existence, in 1802, and have been aided, nearly, if not quite, every year since, 64 years,—a remarkable instance of the persevering effort of the N. H. Missionary Society to sustain and make strong a feeble church without success. But the expenditures on the church in Bethlehem have not been lost. Many faithful missionaries have been supported there, whose labors amidst great discouragements, have been blessed to the conversion and godly lives of many who have finished their course, and must now be with Christ. Not a few others, once members of this church, have gone to other parts of our great land, whose light has shone as faithful representatives of Christ. Franconia, from the first, has been united with Bethlehem in support of missionaries, but now suffers, and must continue to suffer, from the loss of public religious ordinances. Without the special interposition of the divine spirit, both churches must, ere long, become extinct.

5. *Bradford.*—For several years previous to the last, this church had no regular preaching. Since Mr. Marsh commenced his services here in April, 1865, affairs have assumed a somewhat encouraging aspect. The congregation averages 75; the Sabbath School 60; four have been added to the church by profession. A valuabl

musical instrument has been purchased by two members of the church for the use of the choir, which has added much to the service of song.

Our missionary has labored earnestly, wisely, and prayerfully, and, with the divine blessing, very much strengthened the things that were ready to die.

It is very desirable that stated preaching be maintained in the centre of the town, where the fathers worshipped, and where the church edifice, neat and convenient, is located. The business of the town has gone to the railroad village in the northern part of it, but most of the agricultural community can more conveniently worship at the centre than at the village.

6. *Chatham.*—The church here is called the Congregational Church of Chatham and Stowe. The town of Stowe is in the State of Maine, adjoining Chatham on the east; both towns located in a valley environed by towering mountains. Our missionary is also missionary of the Maine Missionary Society, aided by it to the same amount he receives from our own society, in consideration of a portion of its members living in Maine. Mr. Pike preaches alternately in the two towns once per month, the Methodists of the two towns occupying the ground in the two, the other half the time. Both denominations hold their meetings in the town houses of Chatham and Stowe, neither, as yet, having church edifices. The denominations unite in public worship on the Sabbath, as also in the Sabbath School and prayer meetings; a good degree of harmony subsisting between them. Mr. Pike preaches on Sabbaths in Sweeden, Maine, when he does not preach in Chatham or Stowe. His residence is in Chatham. He states "the additions have not materially strengthened us pecuniarily. With a single exception, the church is united and really in earnest to do what they can. I should think they paid for preaching the last year more than three per cent on their valuation. They ought not to be expected, often, to do so much. They have secured a much larger subscription outside the church this year than ever before, showing more interest in those not connected with the church in support of the gospel. There is wealth enough in these two towns to support the gospel with ease, but here, as often, God has chosen the poor of this world. The church are very dependent on their minister to conduct their meetings and look after their affairs generally, though very willing to do when told what and how. They are very generous and self-denying, zealous and spiritual. They have a very large place in my affections. We circulate 40 copies of the American Messenger, and 30 of the Child's Paper and the Child at Home. The Methodists circulate 40 copies of the Sunday School Advocate. Our church takes 10 religious weeklies, eight being the Christian Mirror, the Congregational paper of Maine. We take a collection for some benevolent object once in three months, besides an occasional extra." The missionary having a good understanding of the science of music, taught a singing

chool for two terms the past winter, greatly to the improvement of he service of song on the Sabbath, and at other times. This extra vork of his has secured him a stronger hold on the confidence and ffection of his people. The Secretary passed a recent Sabbath with his people, and was highly gratified to find the mutual affection subisting between the missionary and the church, and his great usefulness among them.

7. *Charlestown.*—The Missionary writes: "This has been a year f great changes in the population of this village. Since October ast, 35 who were regular attendants on our worship and Sabbath chool, have left the town; others have not come to take their places.)ur congregation and Sabbath School have, therefore, become diminished. But our loss has all been from removals. None of any mportance have left us for other societies, and I think we are tronger pecuniarily than a year ago. We have had through the 'ear two prayer meetings per week. Am now holding meetings Sabbath evenings in the outer districts, which are well attended. The church are devoted; at peace with each other and with their ninister; and all seem willing to do what they can." This church s very feeble, having but five male members, most of whom have ut very little property. Belonging to it are several excellent, praying women, who are its pillars.

8. *Centre Harbor.*—Our missionary here has labored the past 'ear in and out of the pulpit, with great constancy, earnestness and encouraging success. Besides three services on the Sabbath, he ears a Bible class on the same, and has held from three to four neetings during the week in different school districts; has visited argely from house to house for religious conversation and prayer. Kindly has he been received in families that do not attend public worship on the Sabbath. These varied, incessant, prayerful labors have not been fruitless. Twelve hopeful conversions have occurred; among them, five married ladies, one husband and father; six have united with the church. Their contributions to Home Missions have been $25.50; and to other objects, $95.00. In all, $120.50. These generous contributions for a feeble church, are owing much to the personal example, as well as to the instructions of the missionary. Here is a pleasing illustration of the great value of the Home Missionary enterprise to all the highest interests of the community.

9. *Conway.*—Mr. Kimball continues to hold religious services at the "North" and the "South," four miles apart, every Sabbath. "Week of Prayer" was observed with interest throughout the evenings of the week. Church sustains a prayer meeting on the Sabbath and Thursday evenings at the "North." The Sabbath School there is on the increase. A Mission Sabbath School is held at Centre Conway, where there is quite a population, represented only by a very few at any sanctuary on the Sabbath. Contributions to benevolent objects larger than usual, through the gifts, in part, of

Christian visitors in the season of summer travel; to Home Missions, $47; other objects, $139.00; total, $186.00. At the "Corner," or South Conway, the Methodist minister preaches in the "Union House" in the forenoon, and at 4 o'clock, P. M., so that the people there have the privilege of three public services on the Sabbath; the small attendance on all of which indicates but little interest in them by the multitude. At the "North" the good ladies are raising funds for the erection of a parsonage. Some years ago they raised by their needles $700.00 toward the building of the beautiful church edifice in which they now worship. May the divine blessing continue to rest upon them.

10. *Croydon.*—This church, reduced to seven males and fifteen females, has regular preaching but a small portion of the year. Mr. A. J. Parke, of the Union Tneological Seminary, New York, preached there four months, from June 1st to Sept. 1st, at the expense of the people, the Methodisis uniting with the Congregationalists in his support. Mr. Albert Bowers, of the Seminary, Andover, Mass., performed missionary service in Croydon during his last spring vacation of six weeks. Both were faithful and earnest in discharge of their duties, and highly acceptable to the people. These short missionary agencies, though not equal in their results to permanancy of missionary labor, are often very useful. They keep feeble churches, that cannot have a stated ministry, from utter extinction; Sabbath Schools are sustained, conversions not unfrequently occur, and additions made to the churches. Our experience, thus far, of commissioning earnest, devoted young men from our theological seminaries, to pass their vacations in labor among our weak, destitute churches, has been very favorable, and encourages continuance of the practice.

11. *Dalton.*—Rev. D. McClenning our missionary here for two years, who by his judicious, faithful, abundant labors, has greatly endeared himself to the church and people, was obliged by poor health to withdraw from the field in November last. His departure greatly disheartened the little church which had been previously weakened by the removal of several important members from the town, and they were disposed to let the Methodists have the use of their meeting house, if they would sustain preaching of their own order. But their effort for this failing, the few Congregationalists in the town have bestired themselves to re-establish the ministry of their own faith and order, with encouragement. They have now laboring with them, Mr. Henry Farrar, a native of Lancaster, an adjoining town, a graduate of Bowdoin College, and of Bangor Theological Seminary, whom, with aid from our Missionary Society, they hope to sustain. Dalton is a missionary field too important to abandon. It is one of the only five Congregational churches now existing in Coos County, all of which were once missionary churches, but two of which are now self-sustaining,—Lancaster and Colebrook,—and they are by no means strong. We once had churches

at Whitefield, Shelburne, and Percy, now Stark, but they are extinct. Nothing but constant care, with the divine blessing, will preserve Gorham, West Stewartstown and Dalton from a like end. The church edifice at Dalton has been furnished with window blinds, and carpeted; a good musical instrument procured and paid for by the choir.

12. *Danbury.*—Rev. J. H. Thyng closed his labors here in December last. Rev. John LeBosquet entered the field May 1st. His long experience in the missionary work, with several of our weak churches and religious institutions, warrants the hope of his great usefulness with this church.

13. *Deering.*—Rev. Mr. Holman perseveres in his work here with faith, patience, and encouragement, though numerous difficulties throng his way. Deering is a good agricultural town; the people are abundantly able to give the gospel ample support; but very few of them take any interest in religious things. Most never enter the sanctuary, unless for a funeral, or for purposes other than religious. Yet they are benefitted by the influence of the sanctuary, in promoting morals and good order in the community, as also in increasing the value of their real estate, for worthy, exemplary families remain in the town, who would leave it, could they not enjoy in it the privileges of public worship. The average attendance on public worship on the Sabbath is 85; on the Sabbath School, 70.

14. *Dublin.*—Rev. A. J. Fosdick, dismissed from our missionary church in New Alstead, commenced services here May 1st, under favorable auspices, considering the character of the field. But few in the town sympathize with evangelical doctrines. "Another gospel which is not another," has long been preached there and received by the many. It is very difficult for evangelical ministers to find access to them in relation to the fundamental truths of revelation. They come not within the sound of his voice on the Sabbath, nor encourage him to approach them with religious ends in view. So his sphere of labor and influence is limited. But his little flock love "the truth as it is in Jesus," and make large sacrifices to maintain it. They have claim on our prayers and practical Christian sympathies.

15. *Enfield.*—Rev. Frank Haley, after nearly three years of arduous, faithful and exhausting labor in this field, in seriously impaired health, was obliged to ask dismission from his pastorate in April. This he did with great reluctance, and with similar feelings the church and people granted his request. He has removed to his friends in Tuftonboro', where, after a period of rest, he hopes so far to regain health and strength, as to be able to resume the work of the ministry, which he loves above all others. He was eminently useful to the two congregations in the town to which he ministered, one in the village of North Enfield, the other some six miles distant in the east part of the town, composed principally from a farming community. The present incumbent, Rev. O. J. Hartshorne, a

graduate of Dartmouth and Bangor, and for some time pastor of the Bethel church in Portland, Maine, entered upon his labors in Enfield in May. He writes: "Having but recently entered this field I have not much to report. Serving God with whom all things are possible, I hope to reap some of the fruits of the faithful labors of Bro. Haley, who preceded me." Enfield continues to be one of our most important but most difficult missionary fields. The cultivator of it needs strong faith, great courage, indomitable perserverance and evidence that he has the sympathies and prayers of the more favored pastors and churches.

16. *Epping.*—Rev. Mr. Stearns continues his ministry with this church and people, among whom he had his birth, and passed his childhood and youth. Probably no minister could have their respect and confidence to a higher degree than he. Though held in high estimation throughout the large town, his congregation on the Sabbath but little exceeds 100 in number, from the confirmed habits of non-attendance on public worship of most of the people. His Sabbath School, which embraces most of the congregation, is an encouraging feature. The Sabbath School concert awakens much interest, not only among the children, but in the congregation generally. The contributions to benevolent objects the last year were $151.12.

17. *Franconia.*—See Bethlehem.

18. *Gorham.*—The missionary here meets both encouragements and discouragements. The church and society have a beautiful house of worship, all paid for. Many visitors to the mountains, who pass the Sabbath in town, attend the services of the sanctuary, and not unfrequently contribute for the increase of the Sabbath School library, and other interests of the society. Very considerable aid from this source was had in liquidating a debt on the church edifice. While considerable numbers. of summer travellers attend public worship on the Sabbath with our little missionary church here, much larger numbers spend the Sabbath in visiting places of curiosity, in and around the town, diffusing a demoralizing influence over the community. Then, again, many of the operatives in the great machine and repair shops of the Grand Trunk Railroad located here, afford no aid to the morals of the place. It is a hard but very important missionary district, and must be assidiously cultivated. Average attendance on public worship, 75; on Sabbath School, 70; contributions, $50.

19. *Goshen.*—Missionary efforts were suspended here for several years, the church not soliciting aid as formerly. Not that they were able to support the gospel themselves, but too weak to sustain it only a part of the time. For the little time they had preaching they received it for small compensation, rendered to transient preachers. But having united with the church in Lempster, an adjoining town, in securing the services of Rev. Wm. Barrows, for one third of the time, the other two thirds being given to Lempster, they have again

asked aid in his iupport, to the amount of $50, for that portion of the time, commencing July 1st. There are some excellent members, men and women, in the Goshen church, who love the truth and greatly desire the regular preaching of the gospel for themselves, their children, and the people of the town. There is little prospect the church will ever become self-sustaining, but its life is worth an earnest effort for its preservation.

20. *Groton.*—Rev. Libra Conant for many years divided his labors equally between the church here and that in Hebron. Some two years ago, the church at Groton, greatly desiring their minister should reside in their town—Mr. Conant resides in Hebron—relinquished their claim on his services with a view of uniting with other evangelical denominations in the town, in support of a minister who should dwell among them. The effort being successful only for a short time, the Congregational church requested Mr. Conant to resume his labors among them. This he has done, and now divides his time equally between Groton and Hebron. "The churches in Hebron and Groton," he reports, "have but little more than held their own the past year. One member has been removed by death from Hebron, and two have been added to Groton church. Our prayer meetings are increasing in numbers and spirituality. Sabbath Schools in both places unusually interesting and fully attended. The pulpits of Hebron and Groton are now supplied with evangelical preaching every Sabbath. My hope, through the blessing of God, accompanying your kind benefactions to these feeble churches is the Redeemer's Kingdom may be greatly promoted."

21. *Hebron.*—See Groton.

22. *Hudson.*—For a year or more after Rev. Dr. Richards closed his labors with this church, their sanctuary was closed till Rev. Benjamin Howe commenced his services, April 22d. In consequence, the church and congregation suffered great loss, but gained something in that they were made to feel their loss and were constrained to effort to secure again the regular ministrations of the gospel. For this they applied to Mr. Howe, who had resided in the town several years, and commended himself to them by his soundness in the faith, and his exemplary, godly life. Well for them, had they employed him immediately on the departure of Dr. Richards. He writes: "You are aware this church has been closed a large share of the time during the year, so that little has been accomplished. The people have been scattered abroad, like sheep without a shepherd, and it will require a good deal of labor and patience to collect them again. Some are probably lost to the society forever. There is a good degree of harmony among us at present. We need more spirituality and devotedness to our gracious Master, and we are looking with waiting eyes for the outpouring of his quickening and life-giving spirit upon us. Our hope is in God. Several will be added to our little church at our next communion season; some by letter, and two by profession. There are some others among us halting."

23. *Hooksett.*—This continues a hard field. The church edifice is located in the small factory village. But few of the 1400 inhabitants of the town out of the village, attend public worship. Many of the operatives in the mills do not attend. The village population is very fluctuating; of course, not reliable for giving strength to the church and religious society. The missionary says: "The congregation has increased considerably within a few Sabbaths. We have numerous strangers every Sabbath and many occasional hearers, who do not add anything to the pecuniary strength of the society. The congregation averages about 100, and the Sabbath School about 40." This church first received aid from the N. H. M. S. in 1833, thirty-three years ago.

24. *Kensington.*—Great prosperity has attended missionary efforts in this place. Ten or twelve years ago, no congregational church existed here, nor was there any stated evangelical preaching. Now they have a church of forty-two members, of whom seven are males; a stated ministry of great earnestness and devotedness; and a very tasteful, commodious meeting house, finished within the past year. Mr. Eldridge says: "Though we have not witnessed conversions outwardly, God has done wonders for us. The new house of worship is completed; cost over $4000 all told, only $200 behind in payment. Pews all disposed of and others wanted. Many families with no church connexion before, have taken pews and are constant in attendance. Church harmonious, and we are constrained to say, as we compare the present with the past, 'What hath God wrought?' To him be all the praise. Much credit is due the people that while for months their pastor was too feeble to preach, they were in nothing discouraged, but went on building their house, and at the same time ministering to his necessities without complaining." Here is an impressive illustration of the inestimable value of the Home Missionary Enterprise. Let us in view of such instances of the success of missionary work, thank God and take courage.

25. *Meredith Village.*—Aid from the Missionary Society was first rendered this church in 1812, fifty-four years ago, and has been continued, probably with no exception. every year since. The appropriations from the first cannot be less than $5000, as in some years they have been $150 per year. The village has greatly increased in population and wealth, and it would seem that the church and society connected with it might give the gospel adequate support, were they to take right views of the subject and their obligation. But they are still on our list, receiving missionary aid to the amount of $150 per annum. The pastor writes: "Some things here look favorable, others unfavorable. Our Sabbath School is unusually flourishing. Temperance is on the advance. I hope something is done religiously, but the progress is slow. They are doing more for my support but they do not come up in proportion to the cost of living: For the last two years I have been behind hand $100 a year, or my expenses have been more than that above my salary,

including donations. Now what am I to do? I have children to educate, but I have no means to send them away to school. The wages of my oldest son have been used for two years past to support the family." The straitened circumstances of the family of this beloved missionary, are those of the families of most of our missionaries. Not a few, indeed, are more seriously pressed. Wrong, great wrong is done them, and in wronging our missionaries, the churches, both the feeble and the strong, wrong themselves.

26. *Newington.*—No church now exists here, nor has existed for half a century. For two years past, preaching has been sustained most of the time. The people raise among themselves $300 toward its support, and receive $200 from our missionary society, and for the two years last past $100 from the "Mass. Society for promoting Christian Knowledge." Rev. Mr. Davis reports: "Our meeting house has been painted, blinded and much improved in other ways, at an expense of $200 or more. Our Sabbath School library has been enlarged more than 100 volumes, partly a donation from Portsmouth, $11.75 contributed on the ground, for this purpose. A neat cabinet organ, cost $125, has been placed in the church. Our Sabbath School is flourishing, and, on the whole, things wear a favorable aspect. Average attendance on public worship, 125, and Sabbath School, 60."

27. *Newmarket South.*—The church here is small in numbers and feeble in pecuniary means. The struggle to support the ministry is severe, and even with this struggle, it is but very imperfectly supported. The missionary finds it hard work to support and educate his children. But he holds on his way in faith and patience. He reports: "Removals have weakened the already feeble society. Some others have come to the place, who may hereafter strengthen it. The village is increasing in population, but many go not to church. Active Christians are few. The light of the church is dim, hardly perceptible. Some hopeful signs exist, however, that the Holy Spirit is moving on the minds of some of the youth. A revival of pure religion is greatly needed in this place; if it comes not soon, we can hardly see how the gospel can maintain its hold upon the people. But the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear."

28. *Nottingham.*—Rev. Mr. Hood, after laboring here several years with great fidelity, under great discouragements, left about the middle of his last missionary year, and is now serving a church in Lynnfield, Mass. The church reduced to but five members, only two of whom are males, to human view must soon become extinct. A Free Will Baptist society in the town maintains preaching, but only a small number of the inhabitants attend public worship. To the Christian, looking at the retributions of eternity, this physically beautiful town presents a sad spectacle.

29. *Ossipee Centre.*—A former prominent member of this church

ı regard to the pecuniary support he gave it, in connection with thers not of the church, has erected a meeting house in a small ıanufacturing village, a mile or two from the centre of the town, ıd established a Methodist society, to which he has removed his ɔclesiastical relations. Some others who were wont to worship ith the Congregational society, have gone with him. This has ɔmewhat lessened the attendance on the preaching of our mission-ɔy. But he and the firm little church to which he ministers, are ot disheartened. Trusting in God, they hold on their way. He ıys: "Our meetings maintain their usual interest both in point of ttendance and activity on the part of the brethren. In May, five ere received to the church, four by profession. Our congregation small, as it must of necessity be in this little community, since ıe Methodists have started a meeting so near us. Our Sabbath chool has been on the increase for the last few months. At pres-ıt there is nothing very discouraging. I think our little gospel ght shines not in vain."

30. *Ossipee Corner.*—No church exists in this part of the town. ut it being the shire town of Carroll County, and there being a onsiderable number who desire Congregational preaching, the trus-ıes have thought it wise to aid them to this in making an annual rant for the support of their minister, Rev. Horace Wood, for ıany years our tried and faithful missionary in the centre of the ɔwn. He preaches at the "Corner" but half the time; the other alf he labors at North Wolfboro', under the patronage, in part, of ıe "Massachusetts Society for promoting Christian Knowledge." 'rom it he receives $50.

31. *Paper Mill Village*—in Alstead. The trustees some years ıce declined grants to this church and that in Langdon, their places f worship being only a little more than a mile apart. It was ɔught they should unite in the support of one minister. This ɔuld not, however, be effected. Both churches managed to keep ıeir own ministers without foreign aid, but only with great effort y the respective churches, and to the very limited support of the ıcumbents. The church at Langdon, almost a year since, secured ıe services of Rev. Moses Gerould, for the use of the parsonage ıd $300. Within a short time, it is understood he has secured a rant of $100, to be contributed annually by the Massachusetts So-ıety above named. The church in Langdon being thus provided ır, that at Paper Mill Village has earnestly renewed their request ı the trustees again to afford them assistance in the support of their inister, Rev. Darwin Adams, whose salary is but $400; $100 of hich is a grant by the trustees. In Alstead are three Congrega-onal churches, all feeble. The situation of the villages and the lly surface of the town, render a union of these churches in sup-ɔrt of the gospel very difficult.

32. *Roxbury.*—This very feeble church, without regular preach-g for several years, till 1865, is gaining in moral strength. Aver-

age attendance in public worship, about 50; Sabbath school, 42; two added by profession to the church; two adult baptisms. The acting pastor states: "Our prayer meeting is getting quite interesting and shows a greatly increased attendance. Some seriousness in the congregation; several evidently under anxiety of mind. The Holy Spirit has evidently something to do with the present cast of mind. The two who have united with us seem growing in grace. Children in two of our three schools commit verses to recite every night. The Lord is with us, and we trust will not depart from us."

33. *Sandwich.*—Rev. Mr. Holmes continues to divide his time and labors between this place and North Sandwich, six miles apart. Within the past year, important and tasteful repairs have been made on the church edifice at the latter place, which has greatly promoted the welfare of the religious society. The church has been quickened, and fifteen hopeful conversions have occurred; nine by profession, and two by letter, have been added to the church. Two infant and seven adult baptisms have been solemnized. Average attendance at the "North," 90; at the "South," or Sandwich Proper, 60. Total contributions by the churches, $171.62. The temperance cause is advancing. A good degree of interest connects with the Sabbath Schools. Meetings on the Sabbath, and during the week, well attended and solemn. The field is wide and calls for much labor. Our missionary is laboring with much earnestness, dilligence and faith. He spreads himself over territory sixteen miles in length, and nearly half that in breadth. The week of prayer was one of much interest. The Monthly Concert is regularly observed, with profit to the attendants.

34. *Sandwich North.*—See above.

35. *Salmon Falls.*—Mr. R. McQuesten, of the senior class, Union Theological Seminary, New York, served this church four months, leaving in October last. His labors, both in and out of the pulpit, were very useful and highly acceptable to the congregation, composed, in part, of Methodists. Soon after his departure the church settled a pastor, whom they support without missionary aid. It is to be hoped they will continue to be able thus to sustain him.

36. *South Merrimack.*—Rev. E. F. Abbott closed his labors and left in March. In May Mr. W. H. Pearson from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., commenced services here under commission, for four months. The Secretary passed a recent Sabbath in this place, and was gratified to find that he is highly esteemed by the people, as a Christian gentleman, and an instructive preacher. He does much in visiting the families for religious purposes, and holds frequent meetings in school houses. Great, constant ministerial labor is necessary to keep this church alive. But ten members are now resident in the place.

37. *Stoddard.*—This church, reduced but a few years ago almost to extinction, having but a single male member, and he non-resident, has been greatly blessed of God under faithful, prayerful la-

bors of Rev. Moses Gerould, and his son, Rev. Samuel L. Gerould. The latter returned to his pastoral charge in August last, after three years' absence as a private soldier in our late army. During most of his absence his father, now stated supply at Langdon, for many years our faithful missionary at Canaan, labored earnestly, most acceptably, and most usefully at Stoddard. Under God, he prepared the way for the successful efforts of his son, on renewing his labors there. The latter writes: "God has been pleased to visit this moral waste with his converting grace. Never have I witnessed a more interesting state of things than has been enjoyed by us during the past season. God has taken the work into his own hands, by choosing, as subjects of his mercy, those whom we should have passed by. The religious and pecuniary strength of the church has been much increased. For many years we have been in deep waters, we have been well nigh discouraged and at times tempted to give up in despair. But the blessing, though delayed, has come at last, and thirty-two are hoping that they have found Christ. Six have united with the church by profession, and five by letter, the past year; twelve or fifteen will unite the first Sabbath in July. With this anticipated addition the church will contain 68 members. The Sabbath attendance and the Sabbath School have been increased nearly 50 per cent. We now go on our way rejoicing, thanking God and taking courage from the past to hope for great things for the future." So writes the pastor. Let the friends and patrons of Home Missions, thank God and take courage, for here is sure ground of encouragement.

38. *Surry.*—Rev. A. F. Shattuck, our missionary here two years, left the place in May last. He labored faithfully, assiduously, earnestly in this very hard field, and with considerable success. The first year several were hopefully converted, and took an active part as teachers and scholars in the Sabbath School. But many such leaving the town, the religious interest declined, the congregation and Sabbath School were diminished; all which seemed to justify Mr. Shattuck in quitting the field, which is now destitute of evangelical preaching. Some in the town desire it again, but can do but little to regain so great a blessing. Dark, very dark are the religious prospects of the place.

39. *Wakefield.*—This church was destitute of regular preaching for a year previous to November last, when Rev. D. D. Tappan, formerly acting pastor at Farmington, more recently at East Marshfield, Mass., commenced laboring with it. It was in a depressed state at the time. Mr. T. went to work in earnest, reviving the Sabbath School, visiting from house to house, and preaching, often, in week days in school and private houses. The good effect was at once visible. The congregation on the Sabbath increased; deeper interest was manifested in the Sabbath School; three hopeful conversions occurred. Mr. T. remarks: "Although there was some religious interest in the winter, and there is encouragement to labor

on; yet the progress upward, must, in the ordinary course of things, be slow. It is hard to turn by attraction and kind exhortation to the sanctuary, veteran neglectors of it; to stir sluggish souls out of their rigid worldliness; to excite due respect, even for religion and its professors in minds warped by prejudice. There will be need of patient and earnest well doing in him who may cultivate this field for years to come. Yet in some of the districts the gospel is in a good degree appreciated, if carried to them, as surely it must be. On the whole, it is a field well worthy cultivating, and if God should add his rich blessing, the people will sustain their own religious institutions without the aid of the missionary society, and help efficiently its noble work instead of being a beneficiary."

40. *Washington.*—Rev. J. F. Griswold, missionary here for nearly 20 years, closed his labors in early winter, and left the town. For several months the church has had no regular preaching. Rev. E. B. Bassett, late acting prstor at Gilsum, has been engaged by the church at Washington to serve them two years. Washington, though a difficult field, is worth looking after. There are people and property there sufficient for a strong religious society, could they only be brought under the influence of the gospel.

41. *Wilmot.*—Things here are more than usually prosperous. Congregation has increased the past year; Sabbath School flourishing and increasing in numbers. Three were expected to be received into the church in July, more at the September communion. "At present," says the missionary, "things, religiously, are very hopeful."

42. *West Stewartstown.*—This church has been in a very depressed state most of the time since Rev. Edmund Burt, our missionary here, died in 1864. A faithful few of the church remain, who have sighed over the moral desolation around them, and earnestly desired and prayed for another missionary to be sent them. Such they had for the three months ending the 1st inst., in Rev. S. S. R. Trask, a member of the senior class in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. Greatly has he interested the little church and people, who deeply regret his departure. The clerk of the church who resides in Hereford, Canada East, writes: "Mr. Trask has been preaching at West Stewartstown since the first of May, but will leave the first of August. He is one of the Saviour's own ministers, whose labors will be blessed wherever he goes. The question is often asked, what will we do when our minister goes? Our meeting house is well filled every Sabbath with an attentive and well instructed congregation. It seems that parting with him now is hard to bear. It is like parting with all our privileges. Is our meeting house to be shut up again, and errors and excitements on all hands to be the order of the day? This is a wilderness indeed, a heathen land in christendom, without evangelical preaching." The average attendance of the Sabbath during Mr. Trask's

preaching was 120. The church consists of 18 members, 5 of whom are males.

43. *Wolfboro'*.—Valuable members of this church have died the past year. Other circumstances and events have tended to discouragement to some degree. More than usual interest however has been visible in meetings for conference and prayer. Good attendance on public worship. Sabbath School in a prosperous condition. Contributions to benevolent objects larger than usual. The missionary states: "While not unmindful of any encouragement externally, a special work of grace is deeply felt to be needed in this community."

SHORT MISSIONS.

The trustees have continued, the past year, the practice renewed the preceding, of employing during their vacations, varying from six weeks to four months, members of Theological Seminaries to labor among our destitute, feeble churches, with very pleasing results. Mr. D. D. Marsh, of the Seminary, Andover, passed his spring vacation at Alton, and is succeeded by Mr. Chas. M. Palmer of the same institution, who will spend his fall vacation with that church. Mr. Albert Bowers labored during his interval of study in the spring, at Croydon, and now Mr. G. W. Andrews is following his steps. From the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., Mr. W. H. Pearson is passing a vacation of four months at South Merrimack, and Mr. S. L. R. Trask, three months, at West Stewartstown. These young men possess a high order of talent, are devoted, earnest, energetic, and are very acceptable to the churches which they serve. A gratifying evidence of their usefulness is the expression of regrets by the churches at their departure, and earnestly request that others, of like character, may succeed them. Feeble churches in this way are instructed and encouraged to effort, which probably, otherwise, they would not make, to perpetuate their existence. Were all our weak, destitute churches to encourage able, devoted young men, belonging to our Divinity Schools, to pass their vacations with them, preaching on the Sabbath, and at other times, organizing Sabbath Schools, and visiting from house to house, we might hope, not only that the great calamity of their extinction would be prevented, but that they would secure the permanent ministrations of the gospel.

GRATUITOUS MISSIONARY SERVICES OF REV DR. BOUTON.

Rev. Dr. Bouton, performed in July and August, an important missionary service in Grafton and Coos Counties, visiting Franconia, Dalton, Colebrook and West Stewartstown, preaching twelve imes, and administering the Lord's Supper twice. Admitted two

emales to the church in West Stewartstown, and distributed about 100 religious tracts. He was impressed with the importance of the missionary work in that section of our State. He says: "I enjoyed my tour very much, and hope, through the Divine blessing, that the services performed will not be in vain."

The trustees gladly embrace this occasion to thank Dr. Bouton for his voluntary and valuable services. Were his example followed by other pastors of our strong churches, great good would result, both to themselves and to our religious destitutions.

RESULTS OF OUR ENTERPRISE THE PAST YEAR.

Light and shade have characterized our missionary efforts the past, as in former years. Our missionaries, good, earnest, laborious, self-denying men, have given themselves wholly to their appropriate work with evident tokens of the favor of the Master. Some of them are not able to report revivals of religion, but most speak of continued, if not increased interest in public worship, the Sabbath School, the prayer meeting, the concerts of prayer, in religious periodicals, in objects of Christian benevolence. A goodly number report marked external and spiritual prosperity. The church at North Sandwich has made important and tasteful repairs on their meeting house; and the missionary, Mr. Holmes, reports 15 hopeful conversions, and 11 additions to the church, of whom 9 by profession. The religious society at Newington—no church there yet—have made valuable repairs on their house of worship, which has increased the congregation, and thrown over its affairs, generally, an encouraging aspect. Great things have been done at Kensington. An entirely new, commodious, and beautiful sanctuary has been erected at a cost of $4000, of which only some $200 remain unpaid. The effect on the community has been most benign. Families that had never attended evangelical preaching before, have purchased pews and are constant attendants, where they hear preached the truth as it is in Jesus. The house already proves to be too small for those who would gladly own pews in it. In Bennington, a good work has been in progress since the commencement of the year. Fourteen hopeful conversions are reported, two were to be admitted to the church in July. The church has been greatly quickened, the attendance on the Sabbath increaced; meetings on the Sabbath intensely interesting. With this spiritual revival, a spirit of benevolence has been revived. A clock and pulpit lamps, and lamps for the church have been procured. Six have been admitted to the church in Centre Harbor, as the fruits of a pleasing revival there. In Centre Ossipee there has been a good work, which has brought several into the church. Stoddard has been favored greatly. A revival has been in progress there since January last. More than 30 hopeful conversions have occurred, among them several heads of families; six have been admitted to the church within the

year, and some 15 more were to be admitted on the first Sabbath in July. The moral and pecuniary strength of the church has been greatly increased, so that they thank God and take courage. But this is the "sunny side." There is a "shady side." Not a few of the feeble churches have become more feeble, by reason of death and removals. Three, two, or even one death of a male member in a church which contains even less than a half a dozen such, often greatly weakens it. Several churches have a membership, all told, of not more than from five to ten or fifteen. A large proportion of these are aged; they must soon finish their course, and unless others take their places, the churches must, ere long, become extinct.

EMIGRATION.

A serious obstacle to the growth of many of our missionary churches, is the emigration of whole families, often, and of nearly all the young men, from the highland regions of our State, to our large towns and cities, or to our great Western States and Territories. The Christian traveller over the towns on our highlands, from the Massachusetts line to that of Canada, is pained to see the abandoned houses and farms that everywhere meet his eye. The former occupants have gone; their habitations have become the abode of the "mole and the bat." Their once cultivated farms are turned to pastures, or are becoming forests again. This is a natural consequence. The former owners of these farms could sustain themselves and families only by the severest, unremitting toil, and the most rigid economy. Fertile, cheap lands of boundless extent in the great vallies and prairies of the West, promise not only easy livelihood, but wealth in a few years. Wonderful facilities for reaching even its most distant parts, hold out strong inducements to emigrate. Emigrate they do, and emigrate they will. Much as we may regret this constant drain on our rural population, it cannot be helped. It is a divine providence. We must uncomplainingly submit to it. But this ceaseless abandonment of old homesteads in many sections of our Granite State, necessarily weakens the already feeble churches in these districts, and lessens the number of supporters of the ministry within their limits. Meeting houses in not a few of these places, are already abandoned, and are falling into ruins. We find some relief from our sadness in looking at these desolations, from the consideration that the members of these decaying churches are planting or strengthening churches in our great new States and Territories, to which they go. The cause of Christ on the whole, perhaps, sustains no loss. Let not, then, the friends and patrons of the N. H. Missionary Society be at all disheartened. In aiding numerous feeble churches to sustain the ministry, they are doing an unspeakably important work for all the newer parts of our vast national domain. Pioneers, hardy, energetic, determined, godly, they are raising up, to plant the institutions of religion, moral-

ity. education, republicanism, enlightened patriotism in the vallies, on the prairies, and over the mountains of our great Western and Southern country.

OUR STRONGER CHURCHES SHOULD CHERISH DEEPER SYMPATHY TOWARD OUR NUMEROUS FEEBLE CHURCHES.

This, most clearly, is a Christian duty; the dictate and spontaneous expression of true enlightened piety. How it is illustrated by the teachings and example of Paul. In addressing the Ephesian elders, he says, "Ye yourselves know, that these hands (his own hands) have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have showed you all things, how that I laboring;" (as he had done)—"Ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive." He made touching appeals to the Corinthian church, to contribute to the necessities of the poor saints at Jerusalem, reminding them of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who, though rich, for their sakes became poor, that they through his poverty might be rich. The contributions he solicited were for the relief of the physical necessities of poor Christians at Jerusalem. But the principle is the same. Does Christian benevolence impel to benefactions to relieve bodily suffering? Must it not do the same to meet the spiritual necessities of men, especially of the household of faith? Now this household embraces the entire church of Christ. Divisions, indeed, it has. The members of each of which sustain to each other a more intimate relation than to members of other divisions or denominations. Our denomination is one of the several divisions of the household of faith; all the churches belonging to it are one family, as was beautifully illustrated by the great National Congregational Council assembled in Boston in 1865. To this great family belong numerous branches, designated generally by State lines. All the Congregational and Presbyterian churches within the limits of New Hampshire compose one body, as is seen and admitted by their union in the General Association of Congregational and Presbyterian ministers and churches of the State. Now all the churches represented in this body are a sisterhood; they should be a living, sympathizing sisterhood. They should study to know each other's welfare, condition, and needs. Knowing these, the strong should help the weak. This they do to some good degree; this they have done for more than three score years with glorious results. Through the prayers, the sympathy, the material aid, rendered the feeble churches by the more favored, the feeble in numerous instances have become strong, and, in their turn, have assisted the needy. In this way, aid has been given to some of our feeble churches in support of the gospel for more than half a century. Many, very many

uch have continued aid, for they are no stronger now than they ere scores of years ago.

But the stronger churches should succor the weak, not only that ne latter may enjoy the means of christian edification, but that the ommunities around them, may come under the influence of the gos- el and be saved. It should ever be kept in mind, that a true church f Christ, however feeble, may be used, instrumentally, by the tronger churches to promote the glory and the cause of the Re- eemer. Through such feeble church, the more favored may cause ne gospel to be preached to multitudes whom they cannot reach by irect personal effort; and, by the divine blessing, sinners may be onverted, children gathered into Sabbath Schools, and through the race of God, be prepared for eminent usefulness. Would that it ere better understood that our feeble churches are agencies through hich the strong may act with amazing power in promoting the onor of God, the glory of the Redeemer, and the highest interest, emporal and eternal, of multitudes whom they will never see till hey all join the church above. But cheering as is this thought, and owerfully as it should act on all our ministers and churches, many eem not to entertain it. By their fruits they are to be known in his, as in other relations. Of the 188 churches of our order in the State, more than half gave nothing to Home Missions in our mis- ionary year ending Aug. 15, 1865. Among the delinquents are several of our churches strongest in numbers and wealth. Not a few of the churches that contributed, gave but a pittance. Now who are responsible for this delinquency? Must not a large portion e charged to the ministry? Let the churches be summoned as wit- esses. Will not those that contribute regularly and liberally, tes- ify that they are stimulated to this by the instructions and appeals f their pastors? Will not those that give nothing, assure us that eir pastors tell them little or nothing about the cause; that they re ignorant of the feebleness and necessities of the many sister hurches in our State and country? That had they known the facts, nd they understood the nature and importance of the Home Mis- onary enterprise, they would have gladly aided it by their contri- utions from year to year? The trustees would respectfully, but ost earnestly entreat all our pastors, whether settled or acting, to ring this cause, at least annually, before their churches; instruct em in relation to its great importance, and solicit their donations its behalf. Were all regularly and faithfully to do this, our re- urces would be greatly increased, and we should be able to make rger grants to our exceedingly needy missionaries; and to com- ission others to our numerous and wide spread moral wastes.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

This venerable institution whose office is in Boston, through the kind recommendation of its Secretary, Rev. Sewall Harding, has made important pecuniary grants to several of our feeble churches the past, as in former years. It has pledged, and has paid, or will pay, $100 each to the churches in Enfield, Langdon and Kensington; the same to the religious society in Newington, now served by our missionary, Rev. F. Davis; $50 to the church in North Wolfboro', and perhaps to other of our feeble churches. In addition to this important pecuniary aid from the society, Mr. Harding has performed several weeks gratuitous missionary labor in Newington, Alton, Sandown, and other places. For all this the trustees desire, in this public manner, to render their grateful thanks to the Society and its Secretary.

LABORS OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary, besides attending to the official correspondence, which is not small, has visited within the year, now reported, and addressed most of our destitute and feeble churches throughout the State, with which he has had delightful intercourse, and has been gratified to find our missionaries addressing themselves faithfully, prayerfully, and earnestly, to their appropriate work, and acting in harmony with the churches which they respectively serve. These churches are grateful for the aid received from the Missionary Society in support of their ministers. The Secretary has endeavored, also, to promote the cause of Home Missions in the State, and throughout our vast national territory by preaching, as he has been able to our stronger churches, attending and addressing clerical associations and county conferences, by preparing and sending circulars to our pastors and churches, and female cent societies, and appeals through our *Christian Reporter* to the friends and patrons generally, of the Home Missionary enterprise.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Since the organization of this Society in May, 1826, forty years ago, a great change has come over the field then called "our country." The States have increased from 24 to 37. Nearly 1,000,000 square miles have been added to its territory, 26,000,000 to its population. The frontier of settlements has receded from the shores of Lake Erie and the Ohio, to the Pacific Ocean. In the territory northwest of the Ohio then containing less than 1,000,000 inhabitants, there is now a population of nearly 12,000,000 of souls, of whom about 1,000,000 are beyond the Rocky Mountains. While the missionary field has been thus enlarged, there has been through

the divine favor, a corresponding growth in the resources and work of the society. A comparison of the returns of its first, with those of its 40th year, shows the number of its missionaries to have been increased from 169 to 818; its revenue from $18,140 to $221,191; its missionary fields from 196 to 1594. It has collected for missionary purposes, $4,780,677, and under its direction 24,739 years of ministerial service have been performed. Its missionaries have preached the gospel in 35 States and nearly every territory in the Union. They were among the foremost to lay the foundations of Christian institutions among the now prosperous towns and cities of central and western New York, and the older West. They have ever been in the fore-front of the army of emigration in its majestic march across the continent, and everywhere we find the enduring monuments of their labors. At nearly 6000 stations they have maintained the stated ministrations of the gospel, and have gathered 186,522 souls into the churches under their care. About 3000 existing churches are indebted to them for their origin or early nurture. Nearly one half their number have already reached the condition of self support, and many of them among the largest and strongest churches in the land. Nor are churches gathered, sanctuaries built, and souls renewed, the only trophies of this institution. In the newer States, especially, its missionaries have taken a prominent part in founding educational, humane, and reformatory institutions; in forming opinions, customs, laws; in cultivating the tastes, directing the activities, and quickening the patriotism of the people. In short, they have exerted a controlling influence in rearing the whole structure, shaping the whole character, and determining the whole future, of these imperial States. With fervent gratitude to God for what he has enabled us to achieve, we erect our memorial, and inscribe upon it, "*Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.*" In these encouraging words speaks the last report of the American Home Missionary Society. But while we have abundant occasion for most devout gratitude to God for the success of the Home Missionary enterprise hitherto, we are oppressed with the vastness of the work yet to be done before the teeming millions of our population present and to come, shall have been evangelized. More than three fourths of the 3,000,000 of square miles of our national domain, are at this moment, mostly missionary ground. If the institutions of the gospel shall ever be established in these vast destitute regions, the work must be begun and extensively carried on in the same way in which it has been done, in the older Western States, viz., by missionary effort. No other method can be adopted, for we have no union of church and State. Neither State nor National government can do anything for this momentous object. If ever accomplished, it must under God be effected by the agency of his people. Who, then, can measure the greatness of their responsibilities? All the dearest interests of our great nation, social, civil, educational, moral, political, religious, even the perpetuity of our

republican government and institutions, depend on the bearing of the gospel on the character and lives of our countrymen. How shall the gospel be made to bear on them, in its enlightening, restraining, purifying, ennobling, saving influences? It can be done under God, only through the instrumentalities of his people. Let them neglect to act, and at no distant period, *Ichabod* will be written on all that is lovely, good and glorious in our land. Let them do their duty, let them prayerfully, earnestly, perseveringly address themselves to the evangelization of the entire territory, over which our national flag waves, and with the divine blessing, our land will become Emanuel's Land, a mountain of holiness, a dwelling place of righteousness.

In behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM CLARK, *Secretary.*

Dr. *The New Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* Benj. P. Stone, *Treasurer.* Cr.

To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4 120 62	By donations from congregations and individuals,	3 008 40
To paid American Home Missionary Society appropriation by the Trustees, 1,500 00, donations of churches and individuals and legacies, 907 82,	2 407 82	By donations from the Female Cent Institution,	2 325 59
To paid Rev. Wm. Clark's salary as Secretary, 775 00; travelling expenses, 172 00; postage, 26 84; stationery and expressage, 14 78,	988 62	By legacies,	1 986 60
To paid B. P. Stone for printing 200 copies of annual report and the extra expense of printing the annual report in the Christian Reporter, 71 88; B. P. Stone for printing 3840 copies of the report of the Cent Institution, 52 48,	124 36	By donations for the American Home Missionary Society,	907 82
To paid Treasurer's salary, 100 00; his bill for postage on letters and reports, 14 12; stationery, 3 62; travelling expenses, 4 60; stamps, 4 08; expressage, 3 10; drafts, 1 86,	131 38	By income from Permanent Fund,	171 34
To paid J. M. Bracket balance for stock in Lake National Bank,	50 00	By cash from Rev Wm. Clark for supplying pulpits,	76 00
To paid interest on $800 borrowed money,	22 38	By interest on bank stock,	33 22
To paid salary of Treasuress of the Cent Institution.	15 00	By balance from last year's account,	2 856 76
To paid for printing blanks and circulars,	4 75		
To counterfeit bill,	2 00		
To balance carried to new account,	3 498 80		
	$11 365 73		$11 365 73

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Benj. P. Stone, Treasurer of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, from Aug. 15, 1865, to Aug. 15, 1866, and find it correctly cast and satisfactorily vouched for, all payments, except the sum of thirty dollars sent to the American Home Missionary Society, and not received by that Society, and that there is in his hands at the close of business this day, the sum of ($3,498 80,) thirty-four hundred ninety-eight dollars and eighty cents.

Joseph B. Walker, Auditor.

Concord, Aug. 15, 1866.

RECEIPTS.

Amherst—Cong. church and society, $73, do. for the American Home Missionary Society, 10; Dea. Aaron Lawrence to constitute his daughter, Sarah L. Lawrence life member, 30; Mrs. Lucy David 1. $114 00

Atkinson—A friend. 2 00

Bedford—Presbyterian church and society, 55 85

Bennington—Cong. church and society, 11 48

Bradford—Cong. church and society, 17 00

Brookline—Cong. church and society; 15 72, Asa Batterley, for A. H. M. S. 3, 18 72

Campton—Cong. church and society, 6 91

Candia—Cong. church and society. Two payments, 88 00

Canterbury—Cong. church and society, 16 00

Centre Harbor—Cong. church and society, 12 50

Charlestown—Cong. church and society, 10 00

Chester—Cong. church and society, 26 00

Chichester—Cong. church and society, 5 53, Stephen K. Watson for A. H. M. S. 3, 8 53

Claremont—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Charles N. Goss, Moses R. Emerson, and Nicholas W. Goddard, life members of A. H. M. S. 90 00

Claremont—Edward Paul Stevens life member of A. H. M. S. 30 00

Colebrook—Cong. church and society, 14 10

Concord, First—Cong. church and society, First 50; do. for the A. H. M. S. 102 37, 152 37

Concord, East—Cong. church and society, balance of coll. 86 cts. Mrs. Lydia Kendall for A. H. M. S. 20, 20 86

Concord, South—Individual, 5 00

Concord, West—Cong. church and society 20; Mrs. H. Farnum in full to constitute her daughter, Annie L. Farnum life member, 10. 30 00

Conway—Cong. church and society 13 of which in full to constitute Wm. C. E. Eastman life member. 23 00

Danbury—Cong. church and society, 6 50

Derry—First church and society, 60 00

Derry—First Cong. church and society, 32 00

Dunbarton—Cong. church and society, 9 85

Durham—Cong. church and society, 40 00, do for the A. H. M. S. 40 00, 80 00

Effingham—Mrs. E. M. Dearborn, 5 00

Endfield—Cong. church and society, 10 00

Epsom—Cong. church and society. 6 11

Epping—Cong. church and society, including ten dollar gold pice 13 40, 36 89

Farmington—Cong. church and society. 18 20

Fisherville—Dea. Almon Harris for the A. H. M. S. for Missions in the South, 10 00

Francestown—Cong. church and society to constitute Robert Bradford life member of A. H. M. S, 46 29

Franklin—Cong. church and society for the A. H. M. S. 29 50

Gilmanton—Cong. church and society, 4 80, Frederick P. Burroughs in full to constitute his wife, Mrs. Lois G., life member, 5, 9 80

g. church and society, 40 00
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ng. church and society' 5; do. for the A. H. M. S. 5, 10 00
ırtmouth College, 40 00
. church and society, 16 00
ɔng. church and society, 11 60 Milan Harris 4 37, 15 97
ɔnstitute Arthur Carleton life member, 85 00
church and society, 7 00
g. church and society, 35 15 to constitute Miss Lucy M. Campbell life member; do. to constitute Mrs. Mary L. Whiney, Mrs. S. F. Gutterson and Miss Lettia A. Colby life members of A. H. M. S. 90, 125 15
ge—Cong. church and society in part to constitute Dea. Benj. Colby life member of A. H. M. S., 17 00
hurch and society two coll. for the A. H. M. S., 71 78
church and society, 16 35
ıurch and society, 93, Monthly concert 55 99; A friend 6 25; N. H. 1; A Damon for the A. H. M. S. 85, 161 24
. church and society, 21 80
bath Schools of the Cong. church, 16 65
church and society, 9 00
ng. church and society, 24 29
. church and society. 17 50
ıurch and society, 113 00
ɔng. church and society, C. B. Southworth to constitute Miss Emily A. Brigham life member of A. H. M. S., 30 00
ng. church and society, 18 10
—Cong. church and society, 19 13
ge—Cong. church and society, in full to constitute Dea. Daniel Norris life member 20; Isaac Leavitt 1, 21 00
g. church and society, 46 00
ɔng church and society, 56 00
church and society, to constitute Dea. Charles A. Daniels life member of A. H. M. S., 116 35
Mrs, Martha H. Dodge, 7; avails of pews in old Meeting House, 5, 12 00
street church and society, 99 75
street Cong. church and society two coll. 169 84
church Mrs. M. H. Bradford for A. H. M. S., 10 00
church and society, 13 66
. church and society, 23 86 in full to constitute Wm. Carr life member; 30, to constitute Lavinia George life member, and 17 58 in part to constitute Mrs. Sybil Gilmore life member ($28 80 paid to Cent Institution), 95 64
ople, 13 50
ı—Cong. church and society for the A. H. M. S., 54 00
ɔng. church and society for the A. H. M. S., 12 00
Horace Wood annual sub., 2 00
llage—B. H. Fisher, 1 50
church and society, 20 83, donation for the A. H. M. S., 20 00, Mrs. H. C. Wyman, 20 00 for the A. H. M. S. 60 83
ıg. church and society, 23 80
angelical church and society, 17 75
r. Jacob Scales and others, 8 00
North Haverhill—Cong. church and society, 11 00

Plymouth—Cong. church and society, two coll.,	42 50
Portsmouth—North Cong. church and society,	323 09
Rindge—Ladies Auxiliary Home Miss. Society, 27 85, Cong. church and society, 9 52	37 37
Roxbury—Cong. church and society,	8 62
Sanbornton—Cong. church and society to constitute Daniel C. Clough life member,	36 00
Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society to constitute Mrs. Elizabeth P. Baker life member,	33 60
Sandwich South—Cong. church and society,	21 50
Sandwich North—Cong. church and society,	6 00
South Merrimack—Cong. church and society, 6 50, a friend, 2 00	8 50
South Newmarket—Cong. church and society,	18 72
Stratham—Cong. church and society for the A. H. M. S.,	13 52
Stoddard—Cong. church and society,	16 50
Sullivan—Cong. church and society,	10 20
Swanzy—Congregational church and society,	12 87
Tamworth—Rev. Samuel Kingsbury to constitute Edward P. Kingsbury and Susan M. Kingsbury life members of the A. H. M. S.,	60 00
Wakefield—Cong. church and society,	17 50
Walpole—Cong. church and society to constitute Rev. G. H. DeBevois life member, 30 00, the balance 28 50 to constitute—life member,	58 50
Warner—Cong. church and society in part to constitute Dea. Levi Flanders life member, 17 70, for the same, Dea. Wheeler, 5 00, a friend, 1 00	23 70
Webster—Cong. church and society, 30 00, Henry L. Dodge in part to constitute his daughter Lucy Dodge life member, 15 00	45 00
West Lebanon—Cong. church and society for the A. H. M. S., 52 30 towards the $300,000, Mrs. Caroline Gerrish life member, 30 00	82 30
Westmoreland—Cong. church and society for the A. H. M. S.,	5 00
Winchester—**Ladies Home Miss. Society,**	**30 00**
Wilmot—**Cong. church and society,**	**15 43**
Wilton—**Cong. church and society,**	**16 17**
Wolfboro'—**Cong. church and society,**	**12 50**
	$1 159 56

MISCELLANEOUS.

N. H. Female Cent Institution,	**$2,325.59**
Burlington, Vt.—**Alma J. Farnum in part to constitute her mother Mrs. Rhoda C. Farnum, of Concord, life member of A. H. M. S.,**	**10 00**
Farmington, Me.—**Rev. Isaac Rogers,**	**5 00**
Groveland, Mass.—**Mrs. Martha B. Huntress in part life member,**	**5 00**
Wolfboro—**J. M. Bracket, half share in Lake National Bank,**	**50 00**
Sullivan County Conference two collections,	**20 53**
Coos County Conference,	**11 00**
Rockingham County Conference,	**21 17**
Rev. Wm. Clark for supplying pulpits,	**76 00**
Interest on bank stock,	**33 22**
George Swain balance of remittance,	**09**
Income of Permanent Fund,	**171 34**
	$2 728 94

LEGACIES.

Legacy of Elizabeth Gilman,	$218 60
le—Legacy of Rebecca Rolfe for A. H. M. S., balance,	12 00
—Legacy of Dea. John Taylor,	3 00
egacy of Eunice Franklin,	300 00
Legacy of Rev. Thomas L. Ambrose,	750 00
John Smith (Permanent Fund,)	200 00
—Legacy of Ezekiel G. Currier,	3 00
Legacy of Fanny Emerson,	500 00
	$1 986 60

PERMANENT FUND.

hares in Concord Railroad, par value,	$1 000 00
nst the State of New Hampshire,	400 00
inst the city of Concord, 100, two notes against State of New pshire, 200, United States stock, 800, all Memorial Fund of ent Institution,	1 100 00
es in Lake National Bank,	200 00
nst the Manchester city Missionary Society,	157 98
es in Concord Gas Co.,	100 00
in Congregational meeting house in Stratham,	50 00
and, 14 31, less amount current fund, 14,	31
	$3 008 29

–As the N. H. Female Cent Institution is not incorporated, the Memo- is held by the Trustees of the N. H. Miss. Society, but the income of is acknowledged in the report of said institution, and is included in the om it.

TABLE,

SHOWING THE PLACES WHERE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN HELD, INCLUDING THE PLACE OF ITS ORGANIZATION, IN 1801, AND THE WHOLE AMOUNT RAISED IN THE STATE FOR HOME MISSIONS EACH YEAR.

Years. Places.	Amount.	Years. Places.	Amount.
1801—Hopkinton,	$51 63	1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843 24
1802—Concord,	386 62	1835—Plymouth,	7,795 24
1803—Concord,	309 46	1836—Exeter,	4,942 02
1804—Concord,	406 09	1837—Claremont,	5,506 14
1805—Hopkinton,	602 84	1838—New-Ipswich,	5,396 81
1806—Hopkinton,	611 49	1839—Lyme,	4,616 37
1807—Hopkinton,	600 66	1840—Hampton,	4,596 83
1808—Concord,	1,290 48	1841—Francestown,	5,187 03
1809—Concord,	785 92	1842—Dover,	5,361 11
1810—Concord,	1,288 27	1843—Nashua,	5,730 36
1811—Dunbarton,	958 92	1844—Concord (South,)	7,582 66
1812—Hollis,	1,520 58	1845—Portsmouth,	5,365 19
1813—Plymouth,	982 27	1846—Newport,	9,027 15
1814—Hanover,	2,638 90	1847—Meredith Bridge, (Laconia,)	6,050 51
1815—Keene,	2,807 08	1848—Manchester, 1st Ch.,	7,720 75
1816—Concord,	2,633 36	1849—Plymouth,	7,610 12
1817—Exeter,	2,395 05	1850—Great Falls,	7,368 54
1818—Dover,	2,427 10	1851—Acworth,	9,946 47
1819—Haverhill,	2,537 21	1852—Pittsfield,	7,896 50
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712 56	1853—Littleton,	10,461 21
1821—New-Ipswich,	1,851 07	1854—Derry,	8,417 53
1822—Pembroke,	1,755 13	1855—Concord, 1st Ch.,	7,992 34
1823—Acworth,	1,846 20	1856—Exeter, 1st Ch.,	6,690 47
1824—Londonderry, (Derry,)	2,637 44	1857—Keene,	8,148 55
1825—Lyme,	1,869 09	1858—Hampton,	6,732 26
1826—Durham,	1,872 07	1859—Boscawen,	8,076 99
1827—Rindge,	3,263 65	1860—Claremont,	7,258 60
1828—Salisbury,	1,951 83	1861—Portsmouth,	8,148 68
1829—Newport,	2,416 71	1862—Concord, South Ch.,	7,182 49
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479 86	1863—Haverhill,	8,606 57
1831—Concord,	2,371 34	1864—Manchester,	7,556 61
1832—Amherst,	5,820 75	1865—Newport,	8,589 13
1833—Keene,	5,67 66	1866—Dover,	20,064 51

Total amount raised in sixty-five years, $308,506 39

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and pieces in New-Hampshire and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, auditor, and nine trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and of the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive cammittee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary,

an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

Art. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at ten o'clock, A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

Art. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All male life members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

Art. 10 Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

Art. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, besides having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES AUGUST 28, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISIONARY SOCIETY, should make application to the trustees by a comiittee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should e made as near as possible to the time when the contract for minsterial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighoring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to imploy, and when oes your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, nd what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute o the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the arsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's upport?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your ainister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? —what part of it has been raised by the church?—how have you aised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of emperance?
8. Are you, as a church or religious society, in debt? If so, for hat purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source,—and if so, to what mount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble hurch or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its ecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or iinister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially ound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and racticed by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches f New-England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble hurches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply of ministers ot in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not deote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of he people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his rder on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full ime of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who

*The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and all other stocks o far as can be ascertained.

shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactary reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such reference as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property, that is $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power, to vary from this where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-4 per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, 1864, raised the per centage rule from one per cent. to one and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the Society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, viz:

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessors' books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised; by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession; by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath-school?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the Trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the Society, may be addressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

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All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the Secretary.

Orders on the Treasurer to be drawn by the Secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the Trustees is to be at Concord the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New-Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the reciept of the treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important Legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

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Richardson Mrs Jewett, Dover
Richardson Mrs Nancy, Webster
*Riddel Mrs S H, Tamworth
*Rolfe Dea Abiel, Concord
Robie Rev E, Greenland
Roberts Mrs S Jane, So New Market
Robinson Mrs Nancy, Hillsboro' Bridge
*Robinson Rev Isaac, D D, Stoddard
*Robinson Mrs Esther, Stoddard
Robinson Mrs Mary Ann, Manchester
Robinson Abel B, Walpole
Robinson Mrs Hannah T, Chester
Robinson Dea Charles, Portsmouth
Robinson Mrs F C, Portsmouth
*Robertson Harrison D, Warner
Robson Mrs Mary, New York
*Rogers Rev Stephen, Northfield, Ct
Rogers Mahitabel, Haverhill
*Rogers Mrs Lucy, Westmoreland
*Rogers John P, Plymouth
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Rogers Walter M, Plymouth
*Rogers William S, Plymouth
Rogers Edmund P, Plymouth
Rogers William M, Bath Me,
*Rogers Mrs Elizabeth, Plymouth
*Rogers Nathaniel P, Concord
*Rogers James P, Bradford
Rogers Miss Mary C, Portsmouth
Rogers Daniel R, Portsmouth
Rogers Miss Caroline E, Portsmouth
Rogers Frederick, Portsmouth
Rollins Mrs A C J, Great Falls
Root Rev David, New Haven, Ct
Root Mrs E, New Haven, Ct
Root Miss Mary E, New Haven, Ct

Root Dr Martin M, Francestown
*Rossiter Sherman, Claremont
*Rowland Rev William F, Exeter
Rowell Dea Ira Concord
Roundey Dea Reuben, East Lempster
Rowe Rev E T, Auburndale, Ms
Rowe Mrs Fanny, Meredith Bridge
Rowell William K, California
Rulins Mrs Nancy, Hillsborough Br
*Runnels Dea Hazen Concord
Runnels Rev M T, Sanbornton
*Russell Hon Moore, Plymouth
*Russell Mrs Moore, Plymouth
Russell Wm W, Plymouth
Russell Alfred, Plymouth
Russell George P, Plymouth
Russell William, Plymouth
*Russell David, Plymouth
Russell David M, Plymouth
Russell Ellen A, Plymouth
Russell Frank W, Plymouth
Russell Rev Charles P, Washington City
*Russell Rev Carey, Hartford, Vt
Russell David, Amherst
Russell Dea Dawson, Hillsborough
Rust Dea Thomas, Wolfborough
Ryder G B, Dunbarton
*Sanborn Mrs Abigail, Franklin
Sanborn Dr J A, Campton
Sanborn Mrs J A, Campton
Sanborn Miss L G, Raymond
*Sabin Rev John, Fitzwilliam
Sargent Rev George W, Raymond
Sargent Dea Enoch, Goffstown
Sawyer Mrs Martha M, Mason
Sawyer Dea T, Hillsborough Bridge
Sawyer Henry E, A M, Middletown, Ct
Sawyer Rev Daniel, South Merrimack
Sawyer Mrs Nancy J, Alstead
Sargent Dea James, Henniker
Sargent Stephen M, Henniker
Sargent Mrs R T, Nashua
*Scales Mrs Nancy B, Plainfield
Scales Rev Jacob, Plainfield
Scales Thomas S, Plainfield
Scales Mrs P F, Plainfield
Scales Henry M, Meriden
Scripture Dr Oliver, Hollis
*Savage Rev Thomas, Bedford
Savage Mrs Thomas, Bedford
Savage Rev William T, Franklin
Savage Mrs Mary L, Franklin
Searle Mrs Moses C, New York
Seavey Shadrach, Concord
Seavey Mrs Belinda, Concord
Severance Mrs Emily A, Boscawen
Shattuck Mrs R, Walpole
Shackford Mrs A M, Great Falls
Shattuck Dea Alvin, Hinsdale

Shipley Mrs Hannah J, Londonderry
Shurtleff Miss Miranda, Rindge
Shedd Rev Charles, Wasioja, Min
Shedd Mrs Eliza R, Wasioja, Min
Shedd Calvin R, Brookline
Shedd John C Brookline
Shedd Mrs Emily, Brookline
Shipley Mrs John Londonderry
Shirley Robert, Goffstown
*Simonds Rev F W, Hillsborough
Silsby Chester A, Newport
Sinclair George H, Concord
Simpson Hannah W, Deerfield
Shattuck Ashur, Brookline
*Sloan Mrs Hannah, Haverhill
Smiths Mrs Caroline, West Lebanon
Smith Francis E, Pembroke
Smith Rev James A, Glastenbury, Ct
Smith Mrs Mary M, Glastenbury, Ct
Smith Dea Levi Ossipee Center
Smith Dea William T, Deerfield
*Smith Mrs Susannah Franklin
*Smith Rev David P, Greenfield
Smith Mrs Mary Jane, New Ipswich
Smith Mrs John, Wilton, Conn
Smith Rev John, Wilton, Conn
*Smith Mrs Mary E, Exeter
Smith Mary Ann, Hollis
*Smith Rev Eli, Hollis
*Smith Mrs Amy, Hollis
Smith Mrs Ruth, Hollis
*Smith Obadiah, Holderness
Smith Mrs Eliza, Hillsborough Bridge
Smith Rev B, East Hanover
Smith Dea Daniel, Ossipee
*Smith John, Ossipee
Smith Amos, Dover
Smith Mrs Sophia, West Debanon
*Smith Rev Ambrose, Boscawen
Smith Mrs Cynthia M, Pembroke
Smith Miss Fanny, Franklin
*Smith Rev W A, Orford West
Smith Mrs Mary E, Dover
Smith Mrs Sarah, Hollis
Smith Ann S, West Lebanon
Smith Mrs Sarah. Meredith Village
Smith Mrs Elizabeth, Chester
Southworth C B, Manchaster
Southworth Mrs C B, Manchester
Society American Peace
Spaulding Miss Caroline A, Haverhill
Spaulding Miss L D, Meriden
Sparhawk Miss Rebecca. Walpole
Spaulding Mrs Dorathy E, Nashua
Spaulding Mrs J M, Montpelier, Vt
Spaulding Miss L D,
Stanyan Mrs Abby, Wentworth
Starrett Dea J A, Mont Vernon
Starrett A G, Mont Vernon
Starrett Mrs A E, Mont Vernon
Starrett Miss Henrietta, Mont Vernon
Sterrett Mrs J A, Mont Vernon
Starrett Dea S, Francestown
Starrett Mrs Seville, Francestown
Stearns Wm, Portsmouth
Stearns William Portsmouth
Stearns Rev J H, Epping
Steel, Robert, Antrim
Steel David, Goffstown
Steel David
Steel Miss Betsey, Peterborough
Stevens Samuel J, Claremont
Stevens Grove S, Haverhill
Stevens Joseph, London
Stevens Lyman D, Concord
Stevens Ezry A, Portsmouth
Stewart Dea C F, Concord
Stickney Mrs Ruth, Newburyport, F
*Stickney Nathan, Concord
*Stickney Mrs Mary G, Concord
Stone Rev B P, D D, Concord
Stone Mrs Apphia F, Concord
Stone George W, Pembroke
Stone Benjamin P, 2d, Concord
Storrs Rev R S, D D, Braintree, Ma
Storrs Rev Dea Royal, Lyme
Stowe Rev John M, Walpole
Strong Rev Eliphalet K, Hinsdale
*Southland Rev David, Bath
*Southland Mrs, Bath
Stratton Charles, Walpole
Spofford Chandler, Bedford
*Sturtevant Mrs Luther, Keene
Sturtevant Dea Ward, Center Harl
Stearns Dea Isaac, Dunbarton
Symonds Tilton, Hillsborough Bridge
Symons Dea F W, Carthage, N Y
Swazey Mrs Hannah, Laconia
Sweet Mrs Rebecca, Newport
*Talbot Rev William K, Hudson
Taylor Rev Eli W, Virginia
Taylor Mrs H F, Bloomington, Iowa
Taylor Henry, Derry
Taylor James, Derry
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Tarleton Rev J W, Boston, Ms
Tenney Rev Asa P, Concord
Tenney Dr Asa P Jr, Jacksonville,
Tenney Mrs Mary, Concord
Tenney Mrs Mary 2d, Concord
Tenney Mrs Persis, Londonderry
Tenney Mrs Benjamin, Groton
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Tenney Dr Homer H, Haverhill
Tenney Rev Erdix, D D, Lyme
Tenney Mrs Rebecca, Chester
Tenney Jonathan, A M, Newton, Ms
Tenney Asa P, West Concord

Tenney Rev Edward P, Concord
Tenney Mrs Lucy, Hancock
Tenney Dea William, Chester
*Titcomb Mrs Sarah, Dover
Thayer Rev Loren, Windham
*Thatcher Rev O G, Bradford
Thorn William, Dover
Thompson Wm C, Worcester, Ms
*Thompson Mrs E, Worcester, Ms
*Thompson Mrs Isabelle, Worcester, Ms
Thompson Wm C, Esq, Worcester, Ms
Thompson Mrs S B, Worcester, Ms
Thompson Mrs Eunice G, Warner
Thompson Mrs Joseph, Great Falls
Thorndike Dea J L, Pittsfield
Thorndike Mrs J L, Pittsfield
Thurston Asa, Exeter
Thurston Asa, Hill
*Tilton Jeremiah, Sanbornton Bridge
*Tisdale Rev J, Shutesbury, Ms
Tisdale Mrs M C, Shutesbury, Ms
Titcomb Mrs Rebecca, Webster
Thurston Mrs Phebe, Webster
Tomlinson Rev J L T, Chester
Tolman Mrs Rachael D, Atkinson
*Tolman Rev S H, Wilmington, Ms
Tolman Rev Samuel H Jr, Bath, Me
Towle Charles A, Epsom
Towne Samuel, Keene
Town Ezra Carter, Atkinson
*Townshend Rev Luther, Troy
Townshend Mrs L M, Troy
Trask John, Newport
Tracy Rev C B, Bennington
Tracy Mrs Jane M, Bennington
Tracy Mrs George B, West Lebanon
Trussell Jacob, Canaan
Trussell Mrs Persis, Canaan
Tucker William, Fisherville
*Tucker Edward J, Plymouth
Tufts Henry, Warsaw, Ill
Tuttle Rev William G, Weare, Ms
Tuttle Mrs Margaret, Hillsborough
Tyler Jeremiah H C, Pelham
Tyler Jeremiah, Pelham
Tyler Mrs Thankful, Pelham
Upham Mrs Eliza W, Concord
Utley Rev Samuel, Concord
*Vose Hon John, Atkinson
Vose Mrs Abigail, Atkinson
Vincent Mrs Abigail, Dover
*Waldron Mrs Wells, Dover
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*Walker Mrs Elvira, Bradford
Walker Rev Charles, New Ipswich
Walker Mrs Harriet E, Newport
Walker Henry L, New Ipswich
Walker Mrs Mary C, Whitefield

Walker Jamna, Westmoreland
Walker Miss Mary, Bedford
Walker Joseph B, Concord
*Wallace Andrew, Amherst
Wallace Rev C W, D D, Manchester
Wallace Mrs Mercy, Manchester
Wallace Mrs Susan A, Manchester
Wallace Mrs Anne, Francestown
Ward Mrs Deborah, Plymouth
Ward Mrs P H, Plymouth
*Ward Rev Jonathan, Brentwood
*Warren Rev Daniel
Washburn Allen G, Lyme
Watterman Mrs Sarah, West Lebanon
Watts Mrs L B, Landonderry
*Weare Mrs Hannah, Acworth
Webster Mrs E, Hopkinton, Ms
Webster Mrs Sarah, Plymouth
Webster Mrs Lydia, Plymouth
*Webster Rev Josiah, Hampton
*Webster William G, Concord
*Webster Nathaniel, Boscawen
*Webster Nathaniel S, Boscawen
*Webster David C, Plymouth
*Webster Mrs Mary P, Haverhill
*Wells Rev Theodore, Sanford, Me
Wells Mrs Phebe, Sanford, Me
Weeks Miss Nancy, Greenland
Wellman Mrs Eliza, Cornish
*Wellman Rev Jubilee, Lowell, Vt
Wellman Rev J W, Newton, Ms
Welsh Joseph W, Dover
Wentworth Hiram, Great Falls
Wells Mrs Sarah L, Hopkinton
Wells Rev Moses H, Lyndon, Vt
Wentworth Mrs L B, Great Falls
*Wells Mrs Ann P, Lyndon, Vt
West Mrs J P, Concord
Weston Caleb, Francestown
Wheeler D B, Lempster
Wheeler Miss Anne, Keene
*Wheeler Rev Abraham
Wheeler Mrs Elizabeth, Dover
Wheeler Moses D, Warren
Wheeler James H, Dover
Wheeler John H, Dover
Wheeler Mrs Jane R, Dover
Wheeler Josiah, Lyndeborough
Wheet Mrs Nathaniel, Manchester
Whidden Dr P, Sanbornton Bridge
Wilson Mrs Ruth B, Amherst
White Rev Lyman, Eaton, Ms
*White Rev Broughton, Acworth
*White Rev Henry, Foxcraft, Me
White John, Chester
*White Mrs Lucy S, Westmoreland
*White Mrs Ruth, Putney, Vt
*White Rebecca W, Dover
Whiting Rev Lyman, Dubuque, Iowa

Whitman Mrs Polly, Manchester
*Whiton Rev John M, D D, Antrim
Whiton Mrs Abby M, Bennington
Whitney Pliny, Milford
Whitney Elnathan, Goffstown
*Whitney Miss Betsey Concord
Whittemore Charles P, Hancock
Whittemore Mrs Deborah, Hancock
Whittemore Timothy C, Bennington
Whittier Isaac, Sanbornton Bridge
Wilcox Mrs Nancy, Newport
*Wilcox Mrs Isabella F, Newport
Wilcox Mrs L, Nashua
Wide Rev John, Deposite, N Y
Wide Mrs Julia M, Deposite, N Y
Wilder Mrs Abijah, Keene
Wilder Mrs Azel, Keene
Willard Dea Stedman, Orford
Willard D E, Orford
Willey Miss Miriam, Campton
Willey Mrs C E K, Barrington
Willey Rev Charles, Center Harbor
Willey Rev Benj G, Sumner, Me
Willey Rachel, Sumner, Me
Willey Jacob M, Sumner, Me
Willey Rev Isaac, Pembroke
Willey Mrs Isaac, Pembroke
Willey Dea M, Goshen
Willey Mrs Mary B, Campton
*Williams Rev Wm, Salem, Ms
Wilkins Mrs Anne, Dunbarton
Wilson Rev J G, Swanzey
Wilson Mrs E M, Francestown
*Wingate Mrs Elizabeth, Stratham
Wingate Dea Aaron, Uxbridge, Ms
*Winslow Rev Hubbard, D D, N Y City
Winslow Mrs Susan W, N Y City
*Winter Rev John S, Ossipee
Wright Mrs Dorcas, Dunstable
Wright Jotham T, Hollis
Wood Dea Stephen, Hollis
*Wood Rev Samuel, D D, Boscawen
Wood Rev Henry, Philadelphia, Pa
Wood Amasa, Alstead
Wood Rev Horace, Gilsum
*Wood Joseph L, West Lebanon
Wood Mrs S A, Gilsum
Wood Sarah A, West Lebanon
Wood Mrs Lydia G, West Lebanon
Wood Ellen F, Henniker
*Woods Rev John, Fitzwilliam
*Woods Mrs A, Fitzwilliam
Woods Mrs John, Fitzwilliam
Woods John Jr, Fitzwilliam
Woods Charles H, Fitzwilliam
Woods Edward P, Lowell, Ms
Woodbury Miss P P, Bedford
Woodman Miss E M, Newbury, Ms
Woodman William, Dover
Woodman Mrs R E, Dover
Woodman Mrs P W, Winchester, Ms
Woodmrn Mrs Hannah C, Dover
Woodward Mrs L H, Haverhill
Wright Mrs Lucia, Acworth
Wyman Sarah, Cornish
Wyman Mrs Hannah C, Pelham
Young Rev John K, D D, Laconia
Young Mrs Mary W, Laconia
*Young Rev Jere S, So Andover, Ms
*Young Harriet F, So Andover, Ms

ERRATA.—On the 2d page of the Minutes, for Rev. G. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk of Coos Conference, read Rev. H. V. Emerson, Lancaster; and for Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, Clerk of Merrimack Conference, read Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner. Also for George Hutchins, Esq., Concord, Treasurer, read Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner. For $5,221.62 charitable collection in Merrimack County, read $6,521.62; and for $45,744.80 charitable collection in the Summary, read $46,044.80. For Rev. N. Z. Ferrie, Pittsfield, read Rev. L. Z. Ferris.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1868.

Annual meeting at Hanover, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Preacher of opening sermon from the Union Association.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. Joseph Blake, Rev. H. A. Hazen.

Committee of Inquiry, to propose questions according to Constitution, art. vii., sec. 4., Rev. J. M. Stowe, Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, Dea. C. P. Locke.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. G. M. Adams; substitute, Rev. L. Z. Ferris.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 25 churches. Meets on second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; Dea. Asa Duren, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

Coos, 7 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk. Assessment, $5.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets second Tuesday of June, Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $30.

Hillsborough, 36 churches; 31 Cong.; 5 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. P. B. Day, Hollis, Clerk; George Swain, Nashua, Treasurer. Assessment, $55.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $40.

Rockingham, 31 churches; 30 Cong.; 1 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $45.

Strafford, 29 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith, Clerk and Treasurer. Assessment, $32 50.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk; N. W. Goddard, Claremont, Treasurer. Assessment, $17 50.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. J. G. Davis, Amherst.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions; namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Association, and members of such committees as reported to it, with a representative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, shall be members *ex officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to co-operate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion; have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. Committees. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot;

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session; and no

iness shall be introduced without their consent. But if the omittee shall decline presenting any item of business requested a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

:. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nomina- is not otherwise provided for.

:. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* ommittee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the ratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which ll be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of y, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before Association and published in the Minutes. This committee ll subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic af- ing the general interests of religion and the welfare of the rches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to churches.

:. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, members of which shall reside within the limits of one Confer- e, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of ques- is for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the fol- ing year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, two or more published under his direction. In this connection Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish speaker on each question so published.

. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of lication*. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the utes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies ted as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary ll send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church nected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical ies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday fore- n*, after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, ice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday rnoon*, two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same ject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which dele- es from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then e shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respect- the operations and prospects of our benevolent institutions; mmencing with the New Hampshire Bible Society and followed other societies and institutions, in such order and for such gth of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2 1-2 o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question: namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith; sending up their nominations, for confirmation, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both, will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New York in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, he may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person, or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire held its fifty-eighth annual meeting in the house of the Olive Street Church, in Nashua, commencing on Tuesday, August 27th, 1867, and was opened by a sermon by Rev. Jeremiah Blake of Gilmanton Iron Works, from Isaiah 54 : 2.

After sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as members.

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. Joseph Blake, Gilmanton; Rev. Quincy Blakeley, Campton.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. A. Berry, Pelham.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. F. D. Ayer, Milford; Rev. Daniel Goodwin, Mason; Rev. B. Merrill Frink, Mont Vernon.

Hopkinton—Rev. Wm. T. Savage, Franklin; Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen; Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord.

Lancaster—Rev. Hugh McLeod, Colebrook.

Monadnock—Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. S. L. Gerauld, Stoddard; Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, Walpole.

Orange—Rev. J. D. Emerson, Haverhill; Rev. Asa Mann, Bath.

Sullivan—Rev. P. Bates, Cornish.

Suncook—Rev. Jeremiah Blake, Gilmanton Iron Works.

Union—Rev. C. B. Tracy, Bennington; Rev. G. Dustin, Peterborough.

White River—Rev. H. E. Parker, Professor in Dartmouth College.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. C. P. Locke, Marlborough; Bro. C. H. Whitney, Nelson.

Coos—Dea. S. W. Atherton, Colebrook.

Grafton—

Hillsborough—Dea. L. B. Bradford, Francestown; Bro. W. H. Conant, Mont Vernon; Bro. A. F. Andrews.

Merrimack—Dea. Levi Flanders, Warner.

Strafford—Bro. Nathaniel Low, Dover.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. J. G. Davis, Secretary, Amherst.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary, Fisherville.

Rev. E. C. Hooker, Pastor of First Church, Nashua.

Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis, and Rev. J. H. Edwards, Lebanon, committee reporting to this body.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

General Association of Connecticut—Rev. A. C. Washburn.

General Association of Indiana—Rev. E. F. Howe.

General Convention of Vermont—Rev. Lewis A. Austin.

General Association of New York—Rev. Charles J. Hill.

Presbyterian General Assembly N. S.—Rev. B. C. Magie.

The Association was organized by choice of Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis, Moderator; Rev. J. M. Stowe of Sullivan, Scribe; Rev. M. L. Severance of Boscawen, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. E. C. Hooker, Rev. E. B. Claggett, and Dea. S. W. Atherton, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Jeremiah Blake, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. Joseph Blake, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Committee on Narratives.

Rev. J. M. Stowe, Rev. G. H. DeBevoise, and Dea. C. P. Locke, Committee of Inquiry.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Voted to instruct the Committee of Arrangements to invite the Hon. Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of United States, to address the Association at some time during the present meeting.

All Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, and all members

of such churches present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Public services were commenced by singing, and prayer by Rev. Wm. R. Jewett.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was read by the Rev. J. H. Edwards.

After singing, a statement was made by the Secretary of the "Ministers and Widows Charitable Fund," and a collection taken, amounting to $69 36.

The Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. E. B. Claggett, followed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wallace, and addresses by the Rev. Dr. Richards and Rev. A. C. Washburn.

By permission, Rev. Lewis Grout presented the claims of the American Missionary Association.

Letters from the following corresponding bodies were read, viz: The General Association of California; The General Association of Iowa; The General Associatian of Oregon; The General Conference of Maine; The General Conference of Rhode Island; and were followed with remarks by the Rev. Mr. Beldon, of R. I.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Public religious services were held at the house of the First Church, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

A sermon was preached by Prof. Henry E. Parker, upon the unity of the Christian church, from John 17 : 20 to 24.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 28.

A prayer meeting was held at the Olive St. Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wallace.

The Association met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Emerson.

Rev. A. C. Washburn, presented the salutations of the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. C. J. Hill, of the General Association of New York; Rev. L. A. Austin, of the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. E. F. Howe, of the General Association of Indiana; Rev. B. C. Magie, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.

The following delegates to foreign bodies reported, viz: Rev. Dr. Davis, delegate to the General Conference of Maine; Rev. L. Conant, to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. P. Fay, to

ıe General Conference of Massachusetts; Rev. E. J. Parsons, to ıe General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.; Rev. ı. S. Parker, to the New Hampshire Conference of the Methodist piscopal Church.

A report was read by the moderator, in behalf of a committee ppointed last year to suggest some new plan for the appointment f delegates to other bodies. The report was adopted. It proides for certain changes in art. x, of the Constitution, (which see.)

Rev. Joseph Emerson spoke in behalf of the American Foreign hristian Union.

Rev. John Wood, in behalf of the Boston Tract Society.

Rev. C. Cushing, in behalf of the American Congregational Un-n.

Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seamen's Friend Society.

Rev. Dr. Hasker, and Rev. W. Warren, upon the subject of ›reign Missions.

Public exercises closed with singing.

The Committee of Arrangements, to whom the subject had been eviously referred, reported the following amendment to the Contution, which was adopted, viz: Addition to art. ii. Clergyen and laymen from the churches represented in this Association, t not themselves delegates, and also delegates from correspondg bodies, may by a vote of the Association, be invited to sit as rresponding members.

Upon motion of Dr. Wallace, Prof. Parker, and Dr. Davis, were pointed a committee to consider the relations of Dartmouth Colge to this body.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Dartmouth College reported the following nendment to the Constitution, which was adopted, viz: After e word "it" in art. ii, of the Constitution, insert "with a repsentative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College."

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett made a report in regard to the finances of e Association, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with ıe minutes.

Voted, To raise $200, to defray the expenses of the current year.

Voted, To publish 1000 copies of the Minutes; 900 in connection with the report of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Gave place to the anniversary of the New Hampshire Education Society.

Rev. Wm. Clark offered prayer.

The report of the Directors was read, and voted to be printed with the minutes. Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of American Educational Society, preached a sermon from 1st Timothy, 3 : 1.

At 4 o'clock, the Sabbath School Society held its annual meeting in the Pearl Street Church.

Prayer by Rev. Jeremiah Blake.

Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Robey, Warren, Greeley, Walker and Sargent.

The services were interspersed with singing by the children, and closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

Evening session, 7 o'clock.

Elected Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Statistical Secretary for three years.

Voted, To raise $50 additional, to defray the expenses of printing the minutes.

The following questions were discussed :

1st. Is there a necessity for an abridged course of study in our Theological Seminaries ? If so, what shall it be ; and what classes of men should enter upon it ?

By Rev. Dr. Young and Rev. A. Berry.

2d. What are the causes of the neglect of public worship, and by what means can they be remedied ?

By Rev. H. A. Hazen and Rev. Dr. Wallace.

3d. How can members of our churches most efficiently co-operate with their pastors in christian effort ?

By Rev. Joseph Blake.

Rev. Dr. Marsh addressed the meeting upon the subject of Temperance. After singing, closed with Benediction by Rev. William Warren.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, Aug. 29.

Prayer meeting at the Olive St. Church, at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Savage.

Met at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment in Pearl St. Church.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Greeley.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, in relation to delegates to corresponding bodies, which was referred to the Publishing Committee, to be amended at their discretion.

Chief Justice Chase was here introduced to the Association, by the moderator.

In a brief address he alluded to the duty of the clergymen to instruct their hearers as to their moral obligations in the exercise of the right of suffrage. After which, the members of the Association were introduced to him.

The Committee on Nominations made a further report in relation to the place and preacher for the next meeting, which was adopted as follows: Place of meeting to be notified by the Secretary.

The Union Association to furnish the preacher of the opening sermon.

Rev. G. M. Adams to preach before the Sacrament. Rev. L. Z. Ferris, substitute.

Rev. Messrs. Davis, Walker and Ayer, were appointed a Committee to report at the next meeting, the best method of conducting the "Sabbath School Exercises."

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett made a report in relation to the "Ministers and Widows Charitable Fund," which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. R. M. Sargeant was substituted for Prof. Varney, as a member of the Committee on Dartmouth College.

Adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to give place to the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. Stone presided. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Manning.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted.

Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. C. F. Smith, Secretary of Vermont Missionary Society, and Rev. Prof. Butterfield of Kansas.

THURSDAY, 1 1-2, P. M.

Minutes were read and approved.

Resolutions were reported and adopted in relation to Lincoln College, Kansas, as follows:

Whereas, Our brethren in Kansas are building Lincoln College, an institution which is greatly needed to educate ministers for that vast and destitute region, Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we regard the enterprise as vitally necessary to the Home Missionary work and the prosperity of the churches.

2d, That, inasmuch as our Kansas brethren have given proof of their zeal, in doing all they can, we most cordially commend the work, and exhort them to put this College at once upon a working foundation.

Rev. Dr. Richards, and Rev. F. D. Ayer, were appointed to officiate at the communion.

The following resolution, from the committee of arrangements, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association approve of the Congregational Board of Publication, as an institution for the production and circulation of our denominational literature, and cordially commend it to the patronage of the churches.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

Belknap—To the General Conference of Maine:

Primary, Rev. Joseph Blake. *Substitute*, Rev. Henry A. Hazen.

Derry and Manchester—To the General Association of Iowa:

Primary, Rev. A. Little. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Ray.

To the General Association of Vermont:

Primary, Rev. C. W. Wallace, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. J. L. Towlinson.

To the General Association of Nebraska:

Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. J. S. Davis, D. D.

Harmony—To the General Conference of Massachusetts:

Primary, Rev. Q. Holmes. *Substitute*, Rev. R. H. Riddle.

Hopkinton—To the General Association of Oregon:

Primary, Rev. U. W. Condit. *Substitute*, Rev. J. Marsh.
Iollis—To the General Association of Kansas:
Primary, Rev. D. E. Adams. *Substitute*, Rev. E. C. Hooker.
To the General Association of Massachusetts:
Primary, Rev. B. H. Parsons. *Substitute*, Rev. P. B. Day, D. D.
ancaster—To the General Association of Connecticut:
Primary, Rev. H. V. Emmons. *Substitute*, Rev. C. E. Milliken.
Ionadnock—To the General Association of New York:
Primary, Rev. S. L. Gerould. *Substitute*, Rev. J. M. Stowe.
'o the Free Will Baptist yearly meeting:
Primary, Rev. W. S. Gaylord. *Substitute*, Rev. A. C. Field.
'iscataqua—To the General Association of Ohio:
Primary, Rev. A. Tobey, D. D. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Chickering.
'o the General Association of Michigan:
Primary, Rev. A. S. Walker. *Substitute*, Rev. Edward Robie.
'o the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;
Primary, Rev. J. A. Stearns. *Substitute*, Rev. J. W. Dodge.
ullivan—To the General Association of Indiana;
Primary, Rev. M. Gerould. *Substitute*, Rev. E. W. Clarke.
'o the General Association of Illinois;
Primary, Rev. J. M. Merrill. *Substitute*, Rev. E. B. Bassett.
'range—To the Baptist Convention of New Hampshire:
Primary, Rev. J. D. Emerson. *Substitute*, Rev. J. LeBosquet.
uncook—To the General Association of Missouri;
Primary, Rev. N. T. Ferris. *Substitute*, Rev. W. O. Carr.
nion—To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. S.;
Primary, Rev. E. B. Claggett. *Substitute*, Rev. A. Bigelow.
'hite River—To the Congregational Union of Canada;
Primary, Rev. S. P. Leeds. *Substitute*, Rev. C. A. Downs.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be rendered to the ıurches, and citizens, of Nashua, for the generous hospitality ith which we have been entertained during the present session, ıd for the cordiality with which we have been welcomed to their ›mes.

Voted, That we extend our grateful acknowledgements to the ficers of the Railroads, leading out of Nashua, for their generosi- ' in furnishing free return tickets.

Rev. Messrs. Hooker, Mann, and Davis, were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of Temperance, next year.

At the public services of the closing meeting, Rev. E. D. Eldridge preached from 1 Cor., 10 : 4. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered.

The Association adjourned *sine die*.

P. B. DAY, *Moderator*.

J. M. STOWE, *Scribe*.

M. L. SEVERANCE, *Assistant Scribe*.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In physical conformation, New Hampshire and the land strictly called Palestine, "this side Jordan," bear a somewhat striking resemblance to each other. Their length, breadth, and area do not greatly differ. Both lie between the river and the Great Sea, and are diversified by lakes. Each has its Lebanon, or White Mountains, lifting themselves boldly against the sky in the north; from which ranges of hills, rising here and there into a mountain peak, stretch away to the southward. The population of New Hampshire is but little greater than that of Palestine, as nearly as can be ascertained. But when we come to the comparison of those elements which make the true prosperity of a country,—civil and religious institutions, piety, morality, and intelligence, how much have we to be thankful for that God has cast our lot in a land so highly blessed. With a soil of far less original fertility, we are endowed with the greater blessings of a free and pure Gospel, civil liberty, a pious ancestry, and systems and institutions of education for all. Palestine lost her pre-eminence by the corruption of true religion, and the consequent debasement of her people. New Hampshire is indebted to Christianity, to Protestant and Puritan Christianity, for her elevation and prosperity as a State. Shall we maintain the position to which our fathers, under the gracious leadings of God, have brought this generation? Are we making any advance, or, all things considered, are we losing ground? These are for us, at least, momentous questions.

The Governor of our State is accustomed to present to the General Assembly an annual survey of, in particular, the material interests of the Commonwealth. The whole people demand a faithful account of the condition of their civil affairs, appreciating its importance. Do we not much more need to know the real condition of things among the people, with regard to that which lies at the foundation of civil and social welfare, and which is of eternal moment to every individual soul of our more than three hundred thousand inhabitants?

In this view, the work assigned to your Committee is one of the greatest consequence. With the assistance of other brethren in the various conferences, they have compiled the following Report, which they now submit. A geographical order of arrangement has its advantages, and we will, therefore, begin with the Conference lying farthest south and west, and proceed up the valley of the Connecticut, then down upon the eastern side of the State, ending with the Conference which lies in the heart of the Commonwealth.

Cheshire Conference. Nine churches have pastors; twelve, stated supplies; and four are vacant. Two churches, Jaffrey and Keene, have received pastors during the year, and Rev. J. P. Humphrey of Winchester, has been dismissed. At the close of forty-five years of pastoral labor, Rev. Dr. Burnham of Rindge, retired from active service in June last. Houses of worship are being repaired in three places, New Alstead, Gilsum, and Sullivan.

Religious interest, more than usual, but without any general revival, has existed in four of the churches, namely, Keene, Hinsdale, Stoddard, and Troy, and a few conversions are reported from each. Of 10 who joined at Hinsdale by profession, 8 were young ladies, 4 of whom were members of one Sabbath School class, and the other two were young men who had served their country in the army. "One young lady, who had found light and peace after long and trembling search, left her sick chamber, and, by heroic exertion, came before the congregation and took the vows of the Lord upon her; and then returned home, to pass, ere another communion season, to her rest." At Keene, there are "some who are expected to unite with the church by profession, and several new cases of hopeful conversion." Here, and at Stoddard and Troy, the prayer meetings are spoken of as very fully attended and productive of marked good. Marlborough reports an unusual number of deaths in the church and congregation, those among church members being about one in eighteen. The church at Troy presents the example of a whole household consecrated to Christ at the same time, the parents being received into full fellowship and their four children baptized. "The new ones," it is said, "are *workers*, and seem anxious to have the sleepy ones awaked." Thus, some are coming into the church on earth, while others are being called up higher.

Sullivan Conference. The majority of these churches are small and feeble. All but two have enjoyed during the year the stated preaching of the Gospel, three of them, however, but for part of the time. Meriden has lost the services of its young and efficient pastor, who has gone west to help lay the foundations there. Newport is still without a settled pastor. Some of the public churches have been rendered still more feeble by removals.

The church at Acworth enjoyed, during the winter, a precious work of grace, resulting in twenty-five or thirty hopeful conversions. The revival commenced with a thorough visitation of the parish, by a Committee appointed by the church. At Claremont, fifteen or twenty additions to the church are reported. There has been no revival, but many, from time to time, have been found inquiring the way of life. Very much the same state of things has existed in the adjoining town of Cornish. The pastor speaks of a continued seriousness and some conversions, with ten additions by profession, during the year. The resident membership has been increased one fourth, and the real strength and efficiency of the

church still more. Hope has taken the place of discouragement. Additions to other churches have been, so far as heard from, but few.

Grafton Conference. Eight churches have pastors; ten, stated supplies, and five are destitute. Rev. A. Mann has been installed at Bath. One pastor, Rev. C. F. Abbott of Bristol, has been removed by death. Rather more than one-fifth of the members reported are non-residents. There have been received in all 148 by profession of faith, making an average of six to each church. Lyme and Haverhill have been especially favored ; Lyme receiving fifty-three, only three of whom were by letter, and Haverhill, thirty-two, all but seven by profession. The late pastor at Lyme writes that their meetings are still well attended, and that "there are now (July 27) indications of more than ordinary religious interest." Surely, this esteemed pastor retires from the thirty-seven years of labor with his people here, amid signal manifestations of the Master's favor.

In Haverhill, most of those who united with the church were from the Sabbath School, or have joined it. This school, it may fitly be added, has enjoyed the care and labors of one Superintendent for thirty years—Dea. A. K. Merrill. The pastor also reports that six young men, members of that church, are seeking an education with a more or less definite purpose of preaching. Three more are in the work, and one is at the Seminary.

The church in Piermont has also been blessed. For a time, religious meetings were sustained four or five evenings a week in the different parts of the parish, although there was not a single extra preaching service ; and fifteen united with the church by profession last spring. Campton, Bath, and Plymouth, also, report some special interest during the year, and encouraging advance.

There has been no unusually large number of additions to the church at Dartmouth College, during the year. But the attention of the students in particular, and their deportment alike on the Sabbath and on week days, in the sanctuary and the recitation-room, has been excellent. Not a case of discipline has been reported for a twelvemonth, "hazing" has been voluntarily renounced, and the influence of the large number of Christian students has been marked and constant. Shall we attribute such facts to general causes merely, or shall we not rather see in them the grace of the Spirit of God ! Surely the growth of our Christian young men in what is lovely and of good report, is exceedingly important, and when manifest, something to be devoutly thankful for ; we need progress in *intensity*, as well as *extension*, of religous power. And moral progress among the unrenewed, though it cannot satisfy, is a cheering fact and a hopeful sign.

The churches in Bath and Piermont have thoroughly repaired their houses of worship ; that at Lebanon has added twenty pews in the gallery at one end of the house, placing a newly obtained or-

gan behind the pulpit, and has built a commodious vestry; the church in Enfield, encouraged by increase of interest and of numbers, is debating the subject of building or purchase, in which effort it will need and deserve aid from sister churches; and that at Dartmouth College is making some improvements.

The number of infant baptisms is remarkably small, only sixteen out of one hundred and twenty baptisms in all. Charitable collections over $6,600, of which $2100 was the gift of a charitable lady in Lyme. The Grafton County Scholarship Fund amounts to $1100, and a very promising young man has been selected to receive its benefit.

Coos Conference. Two pastors and two stated supplies form the ministerial working force. These have been assisted during the summer by a Princeton student preaching at West Stewartstown, with good success. An increase of attendance and interest marked his labors. Colebrook has for stated supply, Rev. Norman McLeod, "a live man," who is working hard. A few converts are reported, and the aspect of things is better than for some years. The church in Lancaster has for its pastor, Rev. H. V. Emmons, only lineal descendant of the old "Doctor." They have neatly repaired their house and purchased a new organ at an expense of about $3,000. Four additions to the church and an encouraging state of things reported. Rev. H. Farrar is laboring in his second year as stated supply at Dalton, and mentions three additions to the church. The church in Littleton made some special effort during the winter and spring, resulting, under the blessing of God, in ten or twelve conversions and eight additions. At Bethlehem and Franconia there has been no preaching of our order. The general appearance of the churches in this county is, on the whole, gratifying and hopeful.

Strafford Conference. The connection between pastors and people, with two exceptions, remains the same as reported at last year's conference, which is a matter for gratitude. The church in Ossipee has been left destitute, its acting pastor having removed to another field of labor. Rev. Dr. Young, pastor of the church in Laconia for fifty-five years, having sustained the relation longer than any other pastor in the Conference, after a ministry of great success, honor, and usefulness, was dismissed in February last. "His excellent christian influence and labors among us are still much to be desired." None of the standard bearers of the cross have fallen by the shafts of death.

No extensive work of grace is reported from any church, but mention is made of about twenty-five hopeful conversions. Though not all this number have joined the churches by profession, the whole number of church members has not diminished. Prayer meetings, those important tests of piety in the heart and efficiency in the church, are reported as being better attended in several places, and with deeper and more solemn interest, than last year. Pas-

tors and churches are generally giving increased attention to the Sabbath School.

External prosperity prevails generally among the churches; peace and harmony in an eminent degree, characterize them. Important improvements and provisions for public worship, in several instances, have been made, thereby securing a larger attendance and greater interest in the Sabbath services.

The report from this Conference closes with expressions of gratitude for mercies received, and of hope founded upon the promise, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Rockingham Conference. Three churches, which at the beginning of the year were destitute, have obtained either settled or acting pastors. These are the church in Raymond, 1st church in Exeter, and that in Seabrook and Hampton Falls. It is a matter of special gratification that this latter church, so long without the preached word, is now again at work for Christ. We would extend the hand of warmest greeting to this sister, whom we thought lost, but is found.

No church has been able to report those precious fruits of God's special presence "which have, at almost every meeting of the Conference in former years, cheered and warmed our hearts." Some conversions and a few additions on profession of faith are spoken of. Some of the churches in the county, it is said, are apparently declining in religious life and strength. The condition of spiritual things in Rye, South New Market, Brentwood, and Kingston, should stir up many to earnest prayer that the oil may not entirely fail in the lamps which have been so long borne by the faithful servants of God, amid the darkness of these places.

Sabbath Schools are reported as, generally, in an improved condition. In several instances in this and other parts of the State, the monthly Sabbath School Concert or Children's Meeting, takes the place of the afternoon service with marked advantage. The cause of Christian benevolence has, with few exceptions, received increased attention. Some of the churches have added quite largely to their previous contributions.

Hillsborough Conference. During the past year, five pastors have been dismissed, and four have been settled. Rev. Mr. Ray resigned at Goffstown on account of ill health and has gone to Minnesota. Rev. Mr. Cutler of Francestown, has also gone west. His place is filled, for the present, by Rev. Dr. Richards, who was pastor of the church thirty years ago. Dr. Richards left Nashua after a pastorate of thirty years in connection with the Olive Street Church, bearing with him the esteem and affectionate regard of the church and community. A liberal sum was contributed by his friends, as a parting memorial of his long, tried, and faithful service. Rev. Mr. Parsons has also been dismissed from the Pearl St. Church. Rev. Calvin Cutter closed his labors at New Ipswich

in April last, and has gone to Auburndale, Mass. Rev. George Williams has exchanged his field in Temple for that in Townsend, Mass. Rev. Isaiah Smith of Maine, has taken his place. The Presbyterian Church in New Boston has received as pastor, Rev. D. C. Frink, who had previously labored five years at Richmond, Canada. Rev. T. P. Sawin has left Brookline, and returned to the care of the Mission Church in Manchester, where he is doing a good work. The vacancy was speedily filled by Rev. Mr. Manning, who had been laboring at Amherst. The churches now in want of pastors, are Antrim, Goffstown, Greenfield, Litchfield, Merrimack South, Olive St., and Pearl St., Nashua, New Ipswich, and Milford. The church in Merrimack has secured Rev. Mr. Bates, formerly of Antrim, and the Franklin St., Church, Manchester, has settled Mr. Pecker, late of Andover Seminary.

Although no general revival has occurred within the limits of the Conference, yet a special interest has been manifest in some places, and over one hundred and twenty additions to the churches are reported, many of them from the ranks of the young. At Bedford, fifteen have been added to the church, "most of them converted during the labors of Father Savage." Dr. Richards writes from Francestown, "There has been a general quickening of the church, and two interesting cases of hopeful conversion of young men, have given us encouragement." At Antrim, and New Ipswich, a hopeful state of things existed at the time their pastors left. Especially noticeable, is the long desired union of the two churches in Greenfield. After a sad, disastrous separation of more than thirty years, they have now come together under circumstances which promise great good for the future. May the Head of the Church, whose last recorded prayer for His people was, that they might be *one*, send to the reconstructed church a pastor fitted to make perfect the union thus happily begun, and bring into the kingdom many souls newly united to Christ.

All the churches report an increase of interest in the Sabbath School. At Hollis, Milford, Temple, Litchfield, Bennington, and Wilton, the Sabbath Schools have been blessed by the converting presence of the Spirit, and so have been a great blessing to the churches with which they are connected. The churches in Amherst, Peterborough, and Hillsborough Bridge, have repaired their houses of worship; the First Church of Manchester has paid off a debt of $6,000; the Church in Francestown are making an effort to build a vestry, and the small Church and Society in Mont Vernon, have completed a convenient and commodious parsonage at an expense of $2500. The churches at Amherst and Mont Vernon, have lost many members by death.

Merrimack Conference. Destitution of pastors is a somewhat marked feature at the present time. All the churches in Concord are without settled ministers. The death of Rev. Asa P. Tenney of West Concord, was an event calling for especial notice

by the surrounding churches, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Conference.

No extensive work of grace is mentioned, yet, in many instances, apparent indications of good have not been wanting,—God's invitations to the churches to make His path straight, for His kingdom is at hand. At Boscawen, the most demonstrative interest appeared, resulting in the addition of twenty-three to the church. This work however, was without outward excitement, needing indeed, a little more of the power which constrains the lips to testify of what has been wrought in the heart, to the glory of Christ. Several congregations report a quiet, increased seriousness of attention.

In Pembroke, and a few other places, repairs are making upon the house of worship. In one instance, Henniker, a good movement has been inaugurated in the purging of the church roll, absent members being required to put themselves into right relation with the church they have left, and that to which they have gone. The pastor also writes, "Our Sabbath School is increasing in interest, chiefly through the influence of juvenile singing. The Sabbath School Concert is *the* meeting of the month aside from the public services of the sanctuary," for which much preparation is made.

These, brethren, are some of the outward indications of the existence and progress of that religion which we hope is a living power in the hearts of the members of the churches here represented. The facts thus compiled speak but for our denomination. Many churches of other names must bring in their report of the portion of the land given them to cultivate before even this surface view of our subject would be complete. But true religion cannot be tabulated. The progress of faith, piety, sanctification, within our churches is a matter, with regard to which God alone knows the real truth. It is a matter, nevertheless, which should awaken serious thought and cause sincere self-questioning on the part of every professed Christian. Each should ask, "What is the state of religion in my own heart? What progress have I made in spiritual experience and practical piety within the past year? What have I done for Christ? Any report of mere facts can give but a poor representation of the actual condition of the churches in these respects.

Yet it is encouraging to note outward signs of improvement. In living harmony and vital interest in religion, there certainly seems to be an advance. While but few general revivals are reported—only one or two besides those in Grafton county—there are marks of substantial growth in the essentials of a true Christian church and life, A reaction from the excitements and prejudices of the war is bringing large numbers within reach of the influences of the Gospel who have held aloof. There is an increase in benevolent contributions. Church buildings are being repaired, a sign of real interest in the prosperity of Zion. The State is being canvassed and resupplied with Bibles, a work of seed-sowing, and often of reaping as well.

The matter of pastoral support is receiving in many places tardy justice. Many ministers of our order, at least, have had their salaries increased somewhat in the proportion of the rise in prices. Yet much remains to be done in this direction. One pastor receives a nominal salary of $300, *less than it was before the advance in the cost of living.* The family of another, perhaps as able and successful a pastor as there is in the State, have often been obliged to deny themselves articles of common use, and sometimes have really suffered for want of good, plain, liberal fare. The statistics recently published, showing that while prices rose 100 per cent. during the war, and the wages of ordinary labor 50 per cent., the salaries of the clergy advanced but 20 per cent., ought to arouse the sense of justice and bring forth prompt action in many delinquent parishes. Much has been done since the war to remedy the difficulty, but it is still too prevalent.

The interest of the churches in Dartmouth College, is a hopeful sign. The work accomplished in endowing Conference Scholarships is very gratifying. Let the interest thus manifested be prayerful and permanent, and our college will attain a power and a moral height, it has never yet reached. The prosperity which has attended the cause of education throughout the State, during the past year, is an omen of great good.

Upon the subject of temperance, little is needed but to echo the forcible remarks embodied in the Narrative of last year. Yet there are indications of progress here. The cause is acquiring consistency; the work is getting more thoroughly organized; the ministry and churches are wheeling into line; the young are brought into the temperance army. But we have not yet recovered lost ground. Multitudes are falling before the pitiless enemy. Our young men, as a distinguished Senator said to them in a late noble address upon the subject, "are *too precious to be lost.*" We should never rest in this warfare. We may gather special encouragement from the increased interest taken in the Sabbath School work. This is a marked feature in the reports from different conferences. We are beginning slowly to catch the spirit and use the means which have infused a new life and power into this instrumentality in other parts of the country. But we are yet, as a State, a long way behind. Shall we any longer neglect to throw ourselves into this work with the vigor it demands! Ought we not at once to avail ourselves of such agencies as Sabbath School Conventions, Sabbath School Teachers' Normal Institutes, and other approved means of training up skilled workmen in this important branch of the work of the church? And shall we not try to catch the spirit as well as adopt the methods of Wells, Pardee, Vincent, Hammond, and their co-laborers, and so receive the reward of our labors in seeing our Sabbath School children truly converted and working for Jesus?

When all our population, "from the least to the greatest," shall know the Lord, then may we begin to think of resting from some of

the kinds of work which now press upon us. But until New Hampshire becomes that which is, by way of symbol, at least, promised that Palestine shall become, we ought not to give sleep to our eyes or slumber to our eyelids in the work and warfare to which we are called. Implicit faith in the promises of God, embodied in Christian energy and fidelity, will realize within our own borders that which was spoken of Solomon's kingdom as a type of the Messiah's rule: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth."

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OBITUARIES.

Rev. CHARLES F. ABBOTT, acting pastor of the Congregational Church in Bristol, fell in the strength of early manhood, a shining mark for the arrow of death. He was born in Lemington, Vt., November 27, 1831, and died at Bristol, September 20, 1866. He united with the church at Chester, Vt., while fitting for college. He was a graduate of Middlebury and Andover, in the years 1854 and 1861, respectively. The foreign missionary work lay nearest his heart, and he was looking forward to a speedy settlement in Persia, when the war broke out and frustrated his plans. He was ordained as an Evangelist at Bristol, where he continued preaching until within a few months of his death. His application to study, and earnest efforts among his people, undermined his health. His voice failed in May, 1866, and he resigned his charge. The last months of his life were months of great suffering, yet he was ever cheerful and everywhere beloved. His last sermon was preached at the communion season in July, when he received four persons into the church, and was upon these words, "There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God." The Resolutions adopted by the Hopkinton Association, speak of him as "a brother greatly beloved for his amiable disposition, simplicity and purity of his private character, his cultivated and well balanced mind, soundness in faith, deep piety, and faithfulness in the ministry."

The Rev. ASA P. TENNEY, of West Concord, died March 1, at the age of 66, after a sickness of several months' continuance. Mr.

Tenney, when a young man, left a mechanical employment to engage in study for the ministry, and he brought from his trade eminent practical ability and business efficiency into his future profession. He always carried on a farm with marked success, yet without neglecting anything of his spiritual husbandry. With his unvarying three public services on the Sabbath, a lecture and one or two social meetings during the week, and in his large rural parish holding meetings in its various school districts regularly and from time to time, he thus brought constantly to bear upon all parts of his field of labor a very effective system of religious influences and operations; and as the result of it, seldom did a year pass without some especial religious interest among his people, and particularly among his young people, over which class he watched with peculiar interest. Aided by his devotedly excellent companion, he had the joy of seeing all his own children entertaining a Christian hope very early in life, and with them always a large share of the children and youth of his parish. Bro. Tenney was an assiduous, indefatigable worker; retiring early, he was in the habit of rising from three to four o'clock in the morning, doing the principal part of his study and writing at those early hours; and then having the bulk of the day for moving about amid his secular cares and parochial duties. Devoted to the religious welfare of his flock, interested in schools and the education of the young, and ever alive to all the important questions of the day, he completed a long, laborious, useful ministry. After a pastorate at West Concord of nearly thirty-four years, he passed away amply sustained by the glorious hopes of that blessed Gospel he had so long and earnestly preached.

Rev. Charles E. Blood, was born in Mason, N. H., March 1, 1810. During the period of youth he was exposed to many temptations, but, through the influence principally of a pious sister, became a christian at the age of 17. He united with the church in Rindge, and was active in religious duties. For a while he studied at New Ipswich, but went through his college course at Illinois College. He graduated at Lane Seminary in 1810, and so finished the long struggle for his education amid continual poverty. He was settled for seven years over the Presbyterian Church in Collinsville, Illinois; then taught for five years, and then again took the charge of a church at Farmington, Ill. In 1854 he went to Kansas to help save it for freedom, and labored there under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society. His last years of pastoral labor were spent at Wataga, Ill. He died March 25, 1866, saying that he was going "home."

Rev. Ebenezer Chase died at West Tisbury, Mass., May 22, 1866. He was born in Bedford, N. H. He early became a Christian and united with the Free Will Baptist denomination, in which connection he remained, as minister and editor, over 20 years. In 1830 he was installed over the Congregational Church in Gilsum,

l afterwards labored at Westmoreland, Vt., and West Tisbury, st Tamworth, and Eastham, Mass. He was more than fifty rs in the active duties of the ministry, and was spiritual and de-ed in them. He preached over eleven thousand sermons, and s rewarded by many precious revivals of religion. At the ripe of 81, he went to his final reward.

Rev. Elijah W. Tucker, who died in Northfield, Conn., Au-st 6, 1866, was first settled at South Newmarket, N. H. Dur-the four years of his ministry there, an interesting revival oc-red, which brought into the church more than one third of the lt population connected with his society. He afterwards labor-at Chatham, Mass., and still later in Connecticut, always prov-himself "a good minister of Jesus Christ." He died at the of 56.

Rev. Samuel Bean was born in Lyman, N. H., March 1, 1812, l died at Norton, Mass., May 8, 1865. He graduated at Dart-uth in 1836, and at Andover in 1840. He was ordained pastor the Congregational Church in Great Falls, N. H., 1841, and left State in 1844, to labor in Little Compton, R. I. His health ling he removed to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he taught a young ies seminary for three years. Improved health induced him to ept a call from the church in Norton, Mass., where he died be-ed and lamented. In social and pastoral relations, Mr. Bean s genial, wise, and sympathetic. As a preacher, he was scrip-al, earnest and winning.

Rev. Clement Parker was born in Coventry, Conn., Jan. 14, 32, of a patriotic family. Having hopefully experienced religion his youth, he commenced preaching in Vermont in connection h the Methodists. He soon discovered that he was not Armin-in sentiment, and joined our own denomination. He was set-d at West Chester, in this State, from 1817 to 1825, and was eemed and beloved. He subsequently preached at various times Farmington, Milton, and in pulpits near Great Falls. Much of life was spent in Maine, but he returned to Farmington to spend last years. His wife, a good woman and faithful helpmeet, died 1864. In his latter days he showed the deep hold religion had on him by continuing to find his way to the house of God, after faculties were so far gone that he would lose his way to the use of his own son. His preaching is said to have been marked earnestness, warmth, and tenderness. He delighted especially dwell upon the love of Christ. At the age of 85 he depart-l in peace, Feb. 25, 1867.

Rev. M. Leffingwell left the ranks of Methodism to labor connection with Congregationalists, and after a brief engagement lsewhere, preached for several years at Hooksett. He was a good an and faithful pastor, though naturally somewhat reserved, so hat his real kindness of heart was not always appreciated. He

left Hooksett to go West and died at Cameron, Missouri. His wife had "gone before" him but a few months.

Rev. Benjamin G. Willey died at East Sumner, Maine, April 18, 1867, aged 71 years. He preached about twelve years at Conway, in our State, (which was his birthplace) and also at Milton, and Farmington. He was an earnest, faithful laborer for Christ, and has left behind him a fragrant memory. At the annual meeting of the General Association at Nashua, more than one of his ministerial brethren and colaborers paid a warm tribute to his Christian character and his work in the ministry. An obituary in the Congregationalist says:

"Mr. Willey was eminently a good man. No one not even the most careless and wicked, could meet him without feeling the influence of his calm, benignant presence. He was greatly beloved by his people at Milton and Farmington, where the prime of his life was passed, and where his death is sincerely mourned. He was an earnest and effective preacher, and had he turned his attention to the graces of oratory, he doubtless would have excelled as a speaker. His life was unusually pure and simple. By nature modest and unassuming, yet he was always zealous and faithful in his Master's service. This most excellent man had a long, a useful, and a successful life, and in death as in life, he was obedient to his Master's call. His work was well done, and he rejoiced to go home."

Rev. Elihu T. Rowe died at Auburndale, Mass., March 21, 1867, aged 53. He was a grandson of Rev. Elihu Thayer, D. D., of Kingston, N. H., where he was born. He graduated at Dartmouth in the class of 1840, and after studying theology, preached at Hartford, Vt., and elsewhere. The latter part of his life was spent in teaching. His many pupils at Meriden remember him with peculiar affection. Leaving there he presided over the Academy at New Ipswich for a year, and then removed to Auburndale, Mass., where he died. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, of strong convictions, yet genial in social relations. He carried many sheaves with him to his heavenly home.

In Providence, R. I., April 9, 1866, Mrs. Julia M. wife of Rev. L. Swain, D. D., in the 43d year of her age. Mrs. Swain was born in Lebanon, N. H., and is remembered with affection and sadness by very many friends in the State. We quote a few words from a memorial prepared by the ladies of her parish: "She was our pastor's wife, and by us universally and heartily beloved. Her's was a rare and beautiful character, so well balanced, so perfect in symmetry, that we can hardly specify traits which were most prominent. As a Christian, she was humble and loving, devoted, patient, and laborious. As a minister's wife, it has been usual to speak of her as a perfect model. Early and late she worked with patient, loving fidelity, in the vineyard of her Lord. He has called her to her reward."

Mrs. Lucy A. (Merriam) Gerould, was born in Mason Village, N. H., Nov. 10, 1836, and was educated at New Ipswich Academy, (where, in 1852, she gave her heart to the Saviour) and Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. Leaving the Seminary, she engaged in teaching; first in Coeymans, N. Y., and afterwards in Waltham, Mass. She was married to Rev. Samuel L. Gerould of Stoddard, Sept. 20, 1860, and immediately entered upon her new duties with great interest and zeal; and while she lived she "did what she could." She died January 12, 1867, lamented by all who had ever known her. As a daughter, she was dutiful and obedient; as a pupil, patient and teachable; as a wife, devoted and affectionate; as a pastor's helpmeet, self-sacrificing and active; as a mother, faithful and loving; and as a Christian, earnest and humble.

Died in Roxbury, February 27, 1867, Mrs. Alma Cole, wife of Rev. Oscar Bissell, aged 44. Mrs. Bissell united with the church in Westmoreland, of which place she was a native, in May, 1841, and ever after maintained a consistent Christian profession. As a pastor's wife, she was prevented by frequent turns of poor health, from taking any very active share in the duties of the parish; still it was evident that her heart was in the work, and she was always anxious for the prosperity of the church. She maintained, especially during the last years of her life, a constant growth in grace and in Christian knowledge. Anticipating, though not expecting death, she had set her house in order, and when it came in its suddenness she was evidently sustained by a sweet and precious hope in the Saviour.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association:

Beloved in the Lord:—For your welfare and the advancement of Christ's reign, we hold this annual convocation; and in accordance with the usage of the fathers, and the promptings of our own hearts, we send you this message of fraternal regard, to call your attention to the interests of the churches to which you respectively belong.

Nothing is more evident from the Holy Scriptures than that the Divine Redeemer intended to have his followers formed into visible bodies. During his mission he prepared the materials for one which was organized at Jerusalem, soon after his ascension; and

it was a prominent object with his Apostles to form churches in the cities and villages where converts were made. Nearly thirty different ones are spoken of specifically in the New Testament, and a much larger number is referred to in more general terms.

We think the Apostolic conception of a local church is simply this: A company of believers in Christ banded together in the name of the Master to promote each others benefit, sustain public worship, the ordinances of the gospel, and the preaching of the word, and to pray and labor for the salvation of men.

In the proportion that a church accomplishes the object for which it exists, it is an invaluable institution. Having the Bible for its standard of faith and rule of action, so far as it sustains the morality and enforces the religion thereof, it promotes the welfare of man for time and for eternity.

Take for illustration one of the many churches now addressed. Although it has ever had imperfection within it; although it may at no period have been entirely free from the scandal of bad members; and although its numerical strength has not been large, yet it has been a great blessing to the community where it is located. Chiefly through its instrumentality public worship has been sustained in that place more than a hundred years, the holy doctrines and precepts of the Bible have been preached, the ordinances and institutions of the gospel cherished, and the most salutary influences exerted. From time to time, God has bestowed upon it his reviving grace, and added to it converts of righteousness. By it tens of thousands of dollars have been contributed to promote the interests of religion at home, and causes of benevolence abroad; while its substantial men and women who have gone forth from it, some of them ministers and teachers, have occupied places of usefulness in various parts of the land. No other institution could have done so much for that community. All its best interests have been promoted, and eternity is made more joyful.

Such substantially is the character and usefulness of every church, so far as it accomplishes the end for which it was established. It is of permanent and inestimable value.

Many of our churches, however, fall far short of the influence they ought to exert, and none reach the degree of moral power they might attain. How then shall the local church be made to accomplish the end for which it was formed? What course shall the friends of Christ pursue in their endeavors to make the church to which they belong, a moral force of increasing usefulness?

1. Cultivate warm sympathy with the great Head of the Church. As he is our Saviour and heavenly friend, to whom we are indebted for all that is most precious to our hearts and hopes, surely we ought not to be indifferent to the objects of his tenderest regard. That is not the way we are wont to treat those on earth who are dear to us. Allow that you are an intimate friend of Cyrus W. Field. He has formed the noble purpose, God helping him, to

wo worlds by an electric cable. The enterprise absorbs
s by day; he dreams of it by night. He appeals to the
wealth, and commerce, and humanity; he crosses and
he ocean, again and again: he devotes all his energies
r. Failures which appal other hearts do not conquer his.
ike, he feels sure the achievement *can* be made; he will
er, and lo, the work is accomplished, and all the great
f humanity clap their hands for joy. Now while this
ngaged in the great enterprise, he lays before you his
his hopes. He tells you all that is in his heart. Has
ght to expect your sympathy and encouragement? Would
ence on your part shock that noble heart? Would it
yourself? There is nothing on earth that so absorbs his
gives his life to it. Now apply the case to him who is
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it with his own blood; who hath taught us to call it his
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pect, the Apostle of the Gentiles. Although he was
d by the love of Christ to seek with burning zeal the
of men, and although it was the passion of his soul to
lad tidings "far hence unto the Gentiles," nevertheless,
of all the churches was upon him." Often was he op-
ith anxiety on their account. His prayers went up con-
their behalf. He encountered every hardship and peril
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s and cares. In the perusal of these messages, we hear
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powerful intellect, and all the persuasions of a loving
ave them from evil, and make them agents of good to
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his devotion to the interests of the churches. But we
apostles, and Barnabas, and Timothy, and Titus, praying
ng also in their behalf. Thus, also, did Augustine, and
ther, and John Knox, and the English Puritans, and the
New England; and thus also, later believers, whose bio-
you have read, or whose example you have witnessed.
fully could all these have said of the Church—

"For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toil be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

Is it not good for us to contemplate these bright patterns of zeal for Zion, that our own hearts may be stirred up to a similar spirit? Blessed attainment to be like them.

3. In your endeavors to make the church to which you belong a moral power of great value to the community, pray much for its prosperity. This will serve to interest your own hearts, and bring them into sympathy with Christ, and with his saints who have evinced so great love for Zion. And, then, do you not firmly believe in a prayer-hearing God? Will he not bow his ear to your supplications? And will not grace abound in proportion to the strength of your faith and the fervor of your prayers?

> "Jesus, the Lord will hear
> His chosen when they cry;
> Yes, though he may awhile forbear,
> He'll help them from on high."

And fail not, O fail not, to meet with your brethren at the hour of prayer. Could you clearly discern the disastrous effects of neglecting this appointment of the church, the painful and depressing influence thereof on the heart of the pastor, the spiritual declension so sure to follow among the people of Zion, and the consequent apathy among the impenitent around you, we cannot believe that one of you, if born again, could willingly be a "missing disciple." Only be present in the spirit of prayer, and the love of your hearts, with the fervor of your petitions, will surely reach the kindred souls who gather there, and a larger volume of earnest supplications will go up for Zion to Zion's King, from whom descend the dews and rains of heavenly grace. Precious the exhortation and promise of the Psalmist, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

4. In your endeavors to increase the moral power and usefulness of the church to which you belong, make it one of the aims of your life to promote its peace and purity.

Since much, very much, depends on the mutual confidence and attachment of pastor and people, study to strengthen these bonds of union. So long as your minister does his Master's work, say nothing, do nothing calculated to impair his influence. You harm yourself; you harm others. To promote his usefulness is to benefit the church, and advance the cause. Were all the time and breath, sometimes expended to the detriment of the one placed over you in the gospel, but laid out in the right direction, much evil would be avoided, and more good accomplished. Said a devoted missionary writing home to his brethren from Mosul, "Stand by your pastor through good report and through evil report, till you have evidence of his unfaithfulness." And, beloved, be slow to attribute to him the absence of the Spirit, and the lack of conversions, until yours is a prayerful, earnest, working church.

Undue importance cannot be attached to the harmony of your members. Are any at variance? It is a sad spectacle. They are professed followers of the "*Prince of Peace.*" They bring reproach

ɜ cause; they impair the moral power of the church; they ıtold harm, harm that none can fully counteract, harm that the souls of men. Pray for them; go to them; appeal to Do it tenderly; do it in the Spirit of Christ, and they can- ɜ offended. With God's blessing you will heal the division, eaven will rejoice.

any among you set at naught their covenant obligations, cting public worship, deserting the Lord's table, refusing to ɜupport the preaching of the gospel? And are any among hargeable with immorality? Surely all such are sadly astray, rho shall arrest their downward course? Are not *you* bound ɜ most solemn ties to seek their recovery, which is the first end of discipline? And when individual members have, in pirit of Christian love, done all that the Master would have for their restoration without success, should not the brethren *ɔody*, have regard at once to the second great end of disci- the interests of religion and the purity of the church? For ɔnor of Christ's house, the offender should either confess his ınd return to duty, or else be separated from your communion. y be a painful task, yet is it not a duty indispensible to the sts of Zion? Never forget the affecting truth which the le has taught us, that "Christ loved the Church, and gave lf for it, * * that it should be holy and without blem- ' In our view, therefore, if members go astray, wholesome ·line is as truly the demand of duty, as are earnest efforts for ɔnversion of souls and the enlargement of the church. It is ıtely connected with the moral power and prosperity of Zion. ·ish also to urge with equal earnestness, that, in all the work ıcipline, you adhere to principle. Make no compromises of ant requirements. Yield not to unreasonable demands for .ke of securing an offenders return on easy conditions. It will njure him, and let down the church in the eyes of the world. ıiary advantage may be gained by such a course for a time, ersonal hostilities perhaps be evaded, but the loss in moral · is irreparable.

discipline, then, be faithful, thorough uncompromising; yet compassionate, and fraternal; always keeping in view the ends to be sought, the good of the offender, the purity of the h, and the glory of God. Thus will discipline be safe, and vine blessing will follow.

Strive to make that part of Zion to which you belong, a ng church. The spirit of Christianity moves to this. She 'orth large hearted and loving, caring for every interest of but above all, for his eternal welfare. With far seeing vision ɜholds the coming future, and seeks to save men from hell, ıise them to heaven. The Divine Redeemer is constantly ng on his great work of spirituul renovation, that he may

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bring the race out of every form of human wretchedness, and make "a multitude which no man can number" forever blest. He calls all his disciples to earnest co-operation. The power is his, the agency ours. His churches are his organized forces. By them he operates. Each one must do the work of evangelization where he has placed it, and all are to remember that "the field is the world."

It is therefore the will of the great Head, that every church seek large measures of spiritual life, and that they develop that life abundantly in labors of love. The church of Christ was designed, indeed, to be an institute for Christian nurture, yet never a place for inactivity and repose. While its covenant people "grow in grace," they are to increase in holy aggressiveness. It is not a church *quiescent*, but a church *militant*, and every member should feel that the Divine Master, in the spirit and labors of his life, is the perfect pattern for us to imitate. Can it be other than the desire of his heart *now*, to come by his disciples "to seek and to save that which was lost?" We appeal to you in behalf of unrenewed souls among you and around you. O forget not that for them Jesus shed his precious blood. He tells you of their moral state, their guilt, and their impending doom. He assures you of the freeness of the great salvation, and sends by you to them his messages of love. The gate of life is opened wide, and, in his earnestness to save, he bids you go out and "*compel* them to come in." Time flies and sinners perish. Then strive to make that part of Zion to which you belong emphatically a working church. The redemption of the lost demands it of you.

Thus, beloved, by cultivating warm sympathy with the Great Head of the church; by contemplating the example of eminent Christians who have earnestly cared for its welfare; by pouring out your hearts in prayer for its prosperity; by making it one of the aims of your life to promote its peace and purity; and by striving to make it a working church, you render it a moral power of greater value to the community and the world, than any and every other institution. For as the heart forces its vital streams into every part of the human body, to give health and vigor, so a living church sends its moral influences into all the surrounding community, to purify, and elevate, and save. It is the world's Bible, and from it men gather their impressions of the religion of the gospel, its divine origin, its value, its necessity. Beyond a doubt, God's covenant people, in their best state, are of greater value to a community than language can express. He designed them to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world."

Then let nothing hinder your earnest efforts for the welfare of your respective churches. Each one will be just what its members, by the grace of God, make it. And let the prayer of Moses, the man of God, go up from every heart, "Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

There are men who spend their lives in comparative obscurity, and yet exert an influence alike wide-spread and beneficent. The applause of the multitudes even of God's people is not given them; that is bestowed on other good men, of different gifts from theirs. Yet their labors are not less useful,—it may be that in some cases they are more useful than those of their brethren.

In like manner there are organizations, institutions, societies, doing a comparatively unnoticed work, and yet a work of even *fundamental* value. The American Education Society is an example. Its annual receipts from donations and legacies do not reach twenty thousand dollars,—yet how many of our great societies surpass it in usefulness? During the last year alone it has aided 293 young men on the way to the ministry—more than half of them in Theological Seminaries; and in its whole course of fifty-one years, it has aided nearly 5,600. More than one-third of the living Congregational ministers of this country have been assisted by it. More than one-third—or, more exactly *forty-seven per cent.* of the foreign missionaries now laboring in connection with the American Board, were helped by it.

To estimate what the Society has accomplished, it would not, indeed, be proper to deduct from the number of our laborers at home and abroad, the number of those who have been aided by it, and to imagine the loss; for, doubtless, many—perhaps most—of them would have secured the necessary assistance in some other way, or have entered upon their labors with a still heavier burden of debt than that which they actually bore. But, on the other hand, many (we may be sure) *would* have faltered on their way; and besides them, *others* would have been discouraged by their example, from entering on a course of preparation; to say nothing of the many more who, as has just been hinted, would have begun their ministerial work with a crushing load of pecuniary responsibility. How many then, (it *may* properly be asked,)—how many of the 66 living foreign missionaries that have been aided by the American Education Society, could be spared. Could twenty? could twelve? or even six?

In this relation it is interesting to note that the young Seminary in Chicago is at the same time receiving liberal aid from the Society, and sending forth a liberal number of her sons to the work of foreign missions. Twenty-one students have been assisted there during the past year, and five of the last graduating class have devoted themselves to the foreign field.

It is a striking illustration of the *missionary character* of Christ's cause and kingdom, a striking proof of the *propagating nature* of the Gospel. New England had imparted her treasure to the North-west to aid the young men to whom she had already given her sons as instructors; and these, or some of these, young men in their turn go forth to carry the Gospel and its institutions to a West so remote from even themselves that we, and they, call it the East!

It is worth our while to observe, too, how much of aid the West in general is receiving from our Society. During the past year 42 students of Western Colleges were assisted by the Society, or one-third of all that were aided in Colleges both East and West. Once more, since the dissolution of the ties between Congregationalists and Presbyterians, the Society verifies its name as the "American Education Society."

There is one aspect of the work of this Society, which, we believe, has never been presented in any of its reports: That work illustrates the blessed union of Faith and Reason, which is one of the glories of our land.

Throughout the greater part of what is called Christendom, these diverse principles are very imperfectly united. In Roman Catholic Europe, for example, the human reason is disparaged. The changes are rung on faith, or on faith and humility. And, as is natural when faith and reason are thus divorced, faith itself suffers, that which is styled such becoming a trust in the church rather than in the Word of God, and a trust in the earthly head of the church rather than in our Lord Jesus Christ. Humility is deference to him.

We pass into the Protestant countries of Continental Europe, and there too commonly we find the human reason unduly exalted and faith disparaged. And, as in the other case, faith suffers, so, in this, reason becoming, often, exceedingly unreasonable.

Great Britain, even, is furnishing just such a melancholy illustration of the separation of these two sacred principles.

Our own beloved country, on the other hand, has been signally favored in this matter. Our scholars have been christians, to a very great extent; a larger proportion of them so, than of the community at large. There is no reason to doubt that as large a proportion of our educated and eminent lawyers and physicians are disciples of Christ, as of the community at large.

Now, how much is represented by this fact! We have a church in this land, devout, sound, aggressive,—in other words, a church that insists on personal piety as requisite for admission to her communion, that holds to the doctrines of Scripture, and of those great confessions in which good men of other days have summonized those doctrines, that sends her sons into all the world to preach the Gospel: and yet we have a church that builds Colleges, and that teaches modern science, and pagan wisdom in those Colleges, and seeks the best instructors in their respective departments. Piety and the freest thought are encouraged to live side by side.

Now, the American Education Society recognizes and rejoices in this grand fact. It would not only see men raised up able to cope with skeptical minds, "able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to *convince* the gainsayers;" it believes that a fair amount of intellectual training and furniture is desirable, in any but extraordinary instances, for the *ordinary* labors of the ministry. As in appropriate circumstances it would welcome that glorious union of Liberty and Loyalty which our country has of late years so illustriously exemplified and which is as a golden milestone in the world's progress, so it welcomes the blessed union of Faith and Reason which is one of the grand characteristics of our country.

It would aid christian young men of a heroic spirit, and of glowing love to Christ to acquaint themselves with human learning and to secure the best intellectual discipline, believing that thus they can best promote the cause of sound, intelligent, effective piety among their fellow men. Rejoicing in the successful labors of *all* faithful disciples, however little versed in the teachings of the schools, it yet believes in those teachings, confident that those who enjoy them will not merely be the better fitted thereby to guide and instruct the more intelligent, or to lay the foundations of christian institutions that mould the thoughts and ways of men for centuries, but also (as we have said) to do the ordinary work of the ministry of the Gospel.

Our own State has some special reasons for *increased* interest in the Education Society. Our only College has nine students who are aided by it. They have received about $1,000 from it during the past year. Surely, brethren, we ought to contribute to its treasury at least as much as it thus gives to us. But during the last twelvemonth our contributions have been even smaller than the year before. Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary*.

August 28, 1867.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was holden at the office of Rev. Dr. N. Bouton, in Concord, on the fifth day of June, 1867.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year, namely:

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Treasurer.
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D.,
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, } Executive Committee.
Shadrach Seavey,
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Auditor.

Mr. Seavey presented the report of the Treasurer for the last year, showing that the amount of the Widows' Fund on the first day of June, 1867, was twenty-six hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventy-one cents, ($2682.71), which report was accepted and adopted. These funds are invested, as follows:

Eleven shares Northern Railroad, cost	$1090 00
New Hampshire State Bond,	500 00
City of Concord Bonds,	800 00
Deposited in New Hampshire Savings' Bank,	292 71
	$2682 71

The Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, now amounts to $456.73, invested in New Hampshire State Bonds.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, August 27, 1867.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, holden immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred and ninety dollars, ($190), to ten widows in restricted circumstances.

At the meeting of the General Association held at Dover, August, 1866, it was recommended that on the first Sabbath of January, in each year, a collection be taken in all our churches for the benefit of necessitous clergymen and the widow's of such, the avails to be transmitted to the Treasurer of said fund.

Agreeably to this recommendation, a circular was sent to each astor and acting pastor through the State. It was responded to y the following churches, as follows:

First Church in Concord,	$17 03
Church in Danbury,	3 00
Church in Farmington,	5 30
South Church in Concord,	28 34
East Church in Concord,	16 28
Church in Winchester,	10 00
Church in Wilmot,	6 15
Church in Lancaster,	6 60
Church in Goffstown,	10 00
Church in Fisherville,	22 50
North Church in Sandwich,	4 35
South Church in Sandwich,	2 65
Church in Keene,	20 00
Church in Greenland,	10 15
Church in Plymouth,	9 00
Church in Boscawen,	7 75
Church in Hollis,	30 00
Church in Amherst,	25 10
Church in Sanbornton,	15 00
Church in Littleton,	8 00
Church in Claremont,	19 80
Church in Webster,	15 50
	$292 60

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held April 23, agree-ıly to the vote of the Trustees, Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., of La-ınia, was appointed as an agent to visit the churches and to raise nds. In consequence of Dr. Young resuming pastoral duties, he ıs not been able to devote much time to the duties of his agency. e has, however, collected funds to the amount of $112 60.

The Trustees express the hope that this laudable charity will ıt be forgotten by the churches, at the opening of the new year.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, Aug. 27, 1867.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM R. JEWETT,

In account with *General Association of New Hampshire*

		CR.	
1866.	Balance from last year,	$43 49	
	Aug. 30, Sullivan County Conference for 1866,	14 00	
	Aug. 31, Cheshire County Conference for 1866,	12 00	
1867.	April 30, Grafton County Conference for 1867,	24 00	
	June 22, Rockingham County Conference,	36 00	
	June 27, Merrimack County Conference,	32 00	
	July 15, Cheshire County Conference,	24 00	
	Aug. 15, Strafford County Conference,	26 00	
	Aug. 23, Hillsborough County Conference,	44 00	
	Aug. 28, Sullivan County Conference,	14 00	
	Aug. 29, Coos County Conference,	4 00	
			$273 4

		DR.	
1866.	Nov., mailing of Minutes, including all expenses,	$8 75	
1867.	Feb. 4, B. P Stone's bill for printing,	129 38	
	May 31, printing 500 Blank Reports,	5 00	
	Express charges through the year,	2 00	
	Postage and Stationery,	3 85	
	Aug. 29, Binding volume of Minutes,	1 00	
		$149 98	
	Balance in the Treasury,	123 51	
			$27[illegible]

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor*

Concord, Sept. 25, 1867.

Alstead Centre, (1st)		1777	A. C. Field,	June 28,	1866	June 28, 1866	10	29	39	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	20 00
Alstead, New (2d)	Nov. 20,	1788	S. H. Amsden,	June 12,	1855	S.S., Jan. 1, '67	29	48	77	18	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	60	35 00
Alstead, (3d)	Aug. 3,	1842	None,				4	21	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	20 00
Chesterfield,		1777	None,				5	23	28	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Dublin,		1827	A. J. Fosdick,	June 22,	1864	S. S. 1866	8	13	21	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	47	138 54
Fitzwilliam,		1771	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14,	1860	Sept. 14, 1860	45	110	155	14	2	2	4	2	2	0	4	2	6	289	400 00
Gilsum,		1772	Horace Wood,	July 10,	1839	S. S. 1866	14	26	40	3	3	3	6	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	115 00
Harrisville,		1840	W. R. Cochran,	Licentiate.		Lic., May, '66	12	28	40	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	113	83 00
Hinsdale,		1821	J. S. Batchelder,	Oct. 20,	1858	March 7, 1866	48	94	142	19	10	4	14	1	1	0	2	6	0	250	*280 00
Jaffrey,		1780	Rufus Case,	May 15,	1842	Jan. 2, 1867	25	81	106	26	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	‡148	51 80
Jaffrey, East,		1850	C. W. Allen,	Oct 6,	1833	S. S. 1863	16	46	62	14	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	1	0	100	59 00
Keene,	Oct. 18,	1738	Z. S. Barstow, J. A. Leach,	July 1, Feb. 26,	1818 1864	July 1, 1818 Aug 16, 1866	74	181	355	43	26	13	39	8	7	2	17	19	13	691	2083 08
Marlborough,	Nov. 11,	1788	Giles Lyman,	June 11,	1832	S.S. Dec. 13, '40	35	72	107	25	0	3	3	6	4	0	10	0	0	175	206 55
Nelson,		1781	Joseph Marsh,		1828	S. S. 1867	38	58	96	22	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	5	150	76 78
Rindge,	Dec.	1765	A. W. Burnham,	Nov. 14,	1821	Nov. 14, 1821	49	127	176	11	0	2	2	5	3	0	8	1	6	224	500 00
Roxbury,		1816	None.				2	8	10	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	45	25 00
Stoddard,	Sept. 4,	1787	Sam'l L. Gerould,	Oct. 2,	1861	Oct. 2, 1861	16	51	67	9	17	1	18	3	1	0	4	14	0	176	134 73
Sullivan,	Oct. 17,	1792	J. M. Stow,	Jan. 31,	1855	S. S. 1863	33	50	83	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	95	104 56
Surry,	Dec. 15,	1837	None.				1	12	13	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	21	
Swanzey,		1741	Thos. E. Roberts,	March 28,	'61	S. S. 1864	16	43	59	9	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	1	156	82 26
Troy,	Sept.	1815	Daniel Goodhue,	May 2,	1848	S. S.	20	27	47	14	6	0	6	0	3	0	3	2	5	143	147 09
Walpole,		1761	G. H. DeBevoise,	July 26,	1865	July 26, 1865	17	78	95	14	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	2	2	100	728 55
Westmoreland,		1764	S. Bixby,	June 30,	1858	S. S. 1862	24	66	90	19	1	0	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	90	49 35
" Evang.,		1852	Wm. Claggett,	Oct. 27,	1830	S. S.	6	23	29	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	40 00
Winchester,		1736	None.				56	111	167	28	5	4	9	1	0	0	1	2	0	228	500 00
25 Churches,							603	1426	2029	357	82	36	118	43	44	2	89	50	41	3572	$5871 29

†Reorganized 1831. ‡From last year's report, none having been received this year. *Since Jan. 1, 1867.

WITHOUT CHARGE. **T. W. Duncan, Nelson. Ordained, J. Hall, Chesterfield. Ordained June 5, 1833. Edwin Jennison, Winchester. Ordained Oct. 7, 1831.**

SAMUEL L. GEROULD, ***Statistical Secretary.***

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	None.			7	7	14	4											
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,*	June 27, 1855		16	35	51	8	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	75	41 50
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Henry Farrar,	Lic. July, '63		8	22	30	10	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	7 00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	F. W. Dickinson,		S. S.	2	20	22		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	
Franconia,	April, 1814	None.†			5	10	15	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	36	86	122	18	3	1	4	3	2	0	6	1	0	150	§180 00
Littleton,	March 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	101	135	24	7	1	8	6	1	0	7	7	0	160	300 00
Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	W. J. Thomson,‡			7	20	27	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	
8 Churches.					115	301	416	75	15	7	22	10	5	1	16	7	2	489	528 50

*Acting Pastor from Nov. 1, 1866. †Pulpit occupied temporarily by J. H. Shipman, Adventist. §This is only three fourths of fiscal year. ‡Of Princeton Theological Seminary, for three months.

The Church in Lancaster has expended upon their church edifice in repairs, $4,500. The Churches of Coos County are associated in Conference with those of Essex County, Vt. Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton, are in Northern part of Grafton County, though connected with this Conference. The Church in Gorham is connected with Churches in Maine. The annual session of the Coos and Essex County Conference will be held at West Stewartstown, on second Tuesday in June, 1868.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867				Admissions			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	June 19, 1844	S. S. 1866	26	93	119	13	10	0	10	0	3	0	3	5	0	125	
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1866	17	51	68	8	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	75	120 00
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	74	104	18	6	7	13	0	2	0	2	3	2	175	315 98
Canaan,	1803	Vacant.			5	16	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	35 50
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, 1836	S. S. 1865	30	37	67	7	3	2	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	75	48 41
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			4	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	0 0
Enfield,	May 26, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S. 1866	12	31	43	8	7	2	9	0	2	0	2	5	0	45	22 00
Groton,	June 12, 1797	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S.S. h'lf T. '45	11	15	26	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	40 00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	103	147	250	118	7	3	10	3	22	0	25	4	5	125	712 31
" Centre,	May 16, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S. 1861	25	57	82	24	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	84	59 68
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	J. D. Emerson,	Oct. 1, 1858	Oct. 1, 1858	57	130	157	36	21	7	28	6	3	0	9	11	1	125	452 15
Hebron,	June 12, 1779	Liba Conant,	See Groton.		9	27	36	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	33 05
Hill,	Feb. 19, 1815	Vacant.			7	13	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
Lebanon,	Sept. 27, 1768	Chas. A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	40	109	149	10	7	5	12	6	3	0	9	7	1	125	300 00
" West,	June, 1849	J. H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	52	91	143	17	12	4	16	2	3	0	5	8	1	257	671 84
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Erdix Tenney,	Jan. 5, 1831	Jan. 5, 1831	106	216	322	59	42	3	45	4	4	0	8	34	0	145	307 00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	March, 1819	S. S. 1865	16	32	48	13	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	70	80 00
" West,	April 30, 1822	Ed. A. Lawrence,	1839	S. S. 1866	26	59	85	0	5	6	11	2	0	0	2	3	0	110	162 00
Piermont,	March 10, 1833	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	41	75	116	34	14	1	15	5	6	0	11	11	3	84	161 57
Plymouth,	June, 1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	31	97	128	34	7	3	10	2	3	0	5	5	0	150	295 75
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Jas. C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S S. 1865	13	51	64	16	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	112	100 00
23 Churches.					665	1446	2111	431	148	45	193	42	63	0	105	104	16	2112	6623 24

Pastors 8. Stated supplies 9. Vacant 5. *Of this sum, $2100 were placed in the Pastor's hand, by a benevolent lady, for such distribution as he judged best.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838. C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835. Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1814. Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826. Asa D Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov 2, 1834. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837. William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July, 1818. Henry E. Parker, Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849. Henry Fairbanks, Hanover, ordained Feb. 17, 1858. John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835. Charles Greenwood, Plymouth, ordained 1850. Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836. Wm. A. Packard, Hanover, licentiate, 1857.

MINISTER DECEASED. C. F. Abbott, Bristol, deceased, Sept 20, 1866.

Bath has thoroughly repaired its House of worship and Wentworth is doing the same good work.

Campton, Haverhill, Lyme, Piermont, and Plymouth, report encouraging religious interest.

HENRY A. HAZEN, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D.D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	67	158	225	17	8	1	9	9	2	0	11	7	1	225	1016 97
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	Vacant.			50	111	161	0	3	0	3	9	1	0	10	0	0	147	
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Arthur Little,	Mar. 16, 1863	Janu'y 3, 1866	69	134	203	25	4	1	5	3	7	0	10	4	2	340	273 58
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	C. B. Tracy,		1830 S. S.	18	35	53	8	12	1	13	3	2	0	5	7	0	75	113 15
Brookline,	Dec 10, 1795	J. H. Manning,	Mar. 6, 1867	March 6, 1867	26	41	67	18	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	7	0	100	* 21 93
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1789	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S.	8	29	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	
Francestown,	1773	A. Richards, D.D	Nov. 6, 1827	S. S.	94	184	278	53	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	405	820 00
Goffstown,	1801	Vacant.	Jan. 28, 1858	S. S.	46	113	159	38	0	7	7	2	4	0	6	0	1	210	176 61
Greenfield,†	May 28, 1867	Vacant.			28	60	88	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	75 00
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1788	A Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	55	98	153	24	4	2	6	0	7	0	7	2	3	252	354 94
Hillsboro' Bridge,	May 29, 1839	S S. Morrill,	May 12, 1857	S. S.	16	48	64	10	0	1	1	1	0	3	4	0	0	80	30 00
Hillsboro' Centre,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S.	16	35	51	10	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	16 00
Hollis,	1743	P. B. Day, D. D.,	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	85	144	229	20	12	0	12	2	3	0	5	9	1	350	966 36
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	Benjamin Howe,	Nov. 5, 1845	S. S.	16	42	58	10	0	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	19 50
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1844	Vacant.			2	10	12	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Lyndboro',	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	46	59	105	22	1	1	2	2	4	0	6	1	0	150	142 50
Manchester, 1st.,	May 28, 1828	C.W.Wallace,DD	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	138	341	479	88	8	20	28	2	11	0	13	2	7	568	†2039 19
do Franklin st.	June 27, 1844	Wm. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan 24, 1867	67	232	299	106	3	6	9	3	13	2	18	2	0	457	§1187 34
do Chris. Miss.	Dec. 30, 1852	T. P. Sawin,	Apr. 19, 1843	S. S.	8	26	34	34										160	
do Pres.,	Nov. 9, 1859	Preaching	suspended.		5	15	20	20	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	100	
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Apr. 18, 1860	38	58	96	26	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	106	104 83
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	37	72	109	15	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	105	126 75
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	John A. Bates,	Mar. 16, 1853	S. S.	54	100	154	39	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0	0	113	165 15
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	D. Sawyer,	May 13, 1846	S. S.	10	24	34	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15 15
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Vacant.			79	190	269	18	7	7	14	3	7	1	11	4	1	403	1641 54
Mont Vernon,	1780	Vacant.			45	106	151	38	2	2	4	8	1	0	9	1	0	200	125 00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	E. C. Hooker,	1860	Sept. 14, 1865	80	365	445	72	9	13	22	8	19	0	27	0	0	448	2596 84
Nashua, Olive st.,	Dec. 31, 1834	Vacant.			67	174	241	52	1	0	1	4	4	0	8	0	2	158	454 42
Nashua, Pearl st.,	Sept. 3, 1840	Vacant.			63	158	221	40	6	4	10	2	7	4	13	3	5	300	1535 75
New Boston, Pres.,	1768	D. C. Frink,		Dec. 12, 1866	40	118	158	20	6	4	10	4	0	0	4	4	3	220	
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1759	Vacant.			66	135	201	34	4	5	9	1	1	0	2	1	2	209	360 17
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	23	44	67	5	0	2	*2	5	1	0	6	0	0	150	850 22
Peterboro' Un. Ev.,	Apr. 21, 1858	George Dustin.	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	46	91	137	3	5	7	12	3	2	0	5	4	1	175	363 22
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Isaiah P. Smith,	Oct. 19, 1864	S. S.	60	83	143	2	20	2	22	1	2	0	3	18	0	185	276 34
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1823	Dan'l E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	34	76	110	0	6	0	6	1	3	0	4	6	0	167	248 17
				11 S. S.															
30 Ch'ch'l, 5 Pres.		15 Pastors.			1602	3709	5311	896	128	90	218	90	117	10	217	78	30	6939	16116 62

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Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Baptisms		Sab'y Sch'r	Char Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1740	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	43	89	132	30	19	2	21	4	7	0	11	10	3	100	232 85
Bradford,	Nov. 21, 1803	Vacant.			17	25	42	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Canterbury,	1760	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S.	27	58	85	24	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	2	110	40 59
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S.S.Oct. 23,'64	31	43	74	24	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	106	56 50
Concord, East,	March 30, 1842	Vacant.			30	60	90	13	0	1	10	3	2	1	6	8	0	70	100 00
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	N. Bouton, D. D.,	March 23, 1825	Mar 23, 1825	61	165	226	31	1	0	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	150	375 98
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			112	219	331	12	0	0	0	5	26	0	31	0	6	466	604 41
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	Vacant.			57	135	192	28	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	0	0	150	112 40
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1780	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov. 21, 1866	37	69	106	21	6	0	6	0	1	0	1	5	2	160	248 62
Epsom,	1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S.S. Nov.1,'65	32	48	80	10	3	6	9	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	40 00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 8, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	39	68	107	10	0	6	6	2	1	0	3	0	1	236	426 25
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	43	93	136	42	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	0	180	438 33
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	39	104	143	36	1	2	3	4	9	3	16	0	1	106	507 62
Hooksett,	1822	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S.	12	28	40	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	53 97
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	Vacant.			47	146	193	50	2	4	6	3	8	0	11	1	0	100	50 00
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1863	Vacant.			15	40	55	9	0	3	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	90	16 00
Northfield, Sa. Bridge,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	45	119	164	50	0	0	0	3	6	0	9	0	1	150	200 00
Pembroke,	Oct. 27, 1809	Benj. Merrill,	June, 1864	S. S.	33	78	111	25	1	6	7	6	4	0	10	0	0	115	174 05
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	46	84	130	31	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	190	200 40
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 177[illegible]	U. W. Condit,	Oct. 14, 1850	March 4, 186[illegible]	25	58	83	8	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	3	68	120 00
Warner,	Feb. 5, 177[illegible]	H.S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	34	80	114	13	9	6	15	2	0	0	2	6	3	200	155 00
Webster,	Sept. 10, 180[illegible]	Edward Buxton,	April 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	54	84	138	19	4	1	5	5	3	0	8	0	2	150	221 85
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 182[illegible]	B. P. Stone, D.D.	May 26, 1831	S. S.	19	27	46	17	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	0	0	50	24 00
24 Churches.					900	1931	2831	537	65	41	106	53	94	4	151	34	29	3182	4398 82

WITHOUT CHARGE. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840. Samuel Utley, Concord. A. A. Baker, Fisherville. Mr. Fiske has supplied for the North and Centre Societies in Barnstead.

ISAAC WILLEY, Pembroke, *Sec'y N. H. Bible Society.*

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1792	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S.S. June, '45	26	68	94	20	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	88	172 00
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1845	22	46	68	11	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	115	124 00
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	Nathaniel Lasell,		1835 S. S. 1860	17	55	72	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	80	20 00
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1848	S. S. 1860	76	127	203	28	10	4	14	6	0	0	6	5	0	217	383 86
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1734	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1863	Same day.	76	130	206	44	13	0	13	0	1	0	1	2	1	139	422 22
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, 1866	29	53	82	8	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	93 71
Derry, 1st,	1719	L. S. Parker,		1837 Feb. 20, 1861	48	147	195	38	2	0	2	6	1	0	7	1	0	575	289 40
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	97	127	22	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	74	237 18
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S. Jun. 16 '57	13	35	48	2	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	0	0	144	188 88
Exeter, 1st,	Aug. 1678	J. O. Barrows,	June 9, 1874	Dec. 5, 1866	43	116	159	46	3	6	9	3	10	0	13	3	0	130	1110 00
Exeter, 2d,	1813	J.W. Chickering,	Sept. 19, 1860	Sept. 6, 1865	33	91	124	36	2	4	6	2	4	0	6	0	6	170	971 75
Greenland,	1706	Edward Roble,	Feb. 25, 1852	Feb. 25, 1852	14	42	56	10	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	48	174 00
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	Same day.	19	74	93	6	1	0	1	1	3	2	6	1	2	151	254 22
Hampton,	1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 0, 1866	Oct. 19, 1865	58	118	176	22	0	2	2	4	6	0	10	0	6	130	276 00
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Apr. 4, 1838	June 30, 1804	8	38	46	5	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	105	52 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	John H. Mellish,	Feb. 14, 1855	Same day.	7	36	43	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	110	67 00
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	Wm. House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Same day.	66	135	201	13	3	0	3	6	4	1	11	3	2	200	310 05
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825 S. S. 1846		7	36	43	2	6	0	6	1	1	0	2	3	0	200	30 00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S.S. Jun. 1, '65	16	37	53	15	1	1	2	1	4	0	5	1	0	120	453 00
North Hampton,	Oct. 31 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	S.S. M'y 1, '67	56	94	150	25	6	1	7	1	2	0	3	1	3	176	104 94
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Coggswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	38	69	107	12	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	51 31
Nottingham.	1840	None.			2	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31 50
Plaistow,*	Nov. 4, 1739	Homer Barrows,	June, 1836	S. S. 1859	21	63	84	14	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	0	3	82	116 00
Portsmouth,	1671	Geo. M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	86	264	350	79	6	4	10	5	4	0	9	3	7	225	1630 89
Raymond,	1791	Ed. D. Chapman,	Sept. 20, 1854	Dec. 6, 1866	56	81	137	20	3	5	8	4	6	0	10	1	3	138	108 97
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1735	None.			19	56	75	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	none.
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,	1850 S. S. 1863		18	64	82	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	*25 76
Seabrook, * Falls,	1830	Alb't B. Peabody	May 24, 1860	S. S. 1867	13	15	28	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	
South Newmarket,	1730	None.			10	23	33	6	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	58	- 75 00
Stratham,	1746	Lewis Goodrich,	June 1, 1850	S. S. Feb. '65	16	36	52	9	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	125	158 98
Windham, Pres.,	1442	None.			49	124	173	19	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	3	230	322 17
31 Churches. 29 Cong'l. 2 Pres.				Total	992	2373	3365	542	67	43	110	74	67	3	144	26	37	4022	8155 93

I have just received a line from Rev. Mr. Peabody, of Seabrook, stating that on the 9th of July, a Congregational church was organized in the south part of that town, composed of 17 members. These, added to 3365, make the total 3382, exactly the total of last year. Other ministers in the county, as nearly as I know, are: Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, preaching in Newington, where there is no church; Rev. I. T. Otis ordained July 10, 1826, at Exeter, without charge; Rev. Joseph Garland, ordained 1847, at Hampton, without charge. Rev. Geo. W. Thompson, ordained April 29, 1840, at Stratham; Rev. Charles Dame, at Exeter; Rev. Thomas Jameson, ordained July, 1825, at Exeter; Rev. Loren Thayer, Pres., Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1845. An excellent organ, built in Epping for the Congregational Church, has been finished, settled for and dedicated.

*Plaistow and North Haverhill †Seabrook and Hampton Falls.

J. H. STEARNS, *Statistical Secretary.*

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dl.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			5	20	25	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,	1846	S. S.	12	35	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	16 21
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Wm. O. Carr,‡	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	60	103	163	75	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	2	180	70 00
Centre Harbor,	May 9, 1838	Charles Willey.	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S.	19	33	52	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	70	114 20
Conway,	1778	Reuben Kimball.	1841	S. S.	26	66	92	18	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	3	2	140	158 80
Dover, 1st Church,	1638-9	A. S. Walker,	June 14, 1854	Nov. 16, 1864	69	235	304	53	2	4	6	7	4	0	11	2	1	258	892 27
Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	Ezra Haskell,		S. S.	13	53	66	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	125	100 00
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	15	52	67	13	4	0	4	4	1	0	5	0	0	60	288 53
Effingham,	May 18, 1836	Vacant.			5	20	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	R. M. Sargent,	April 27, 1852	March 27, '60	7	33	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	118	114 77
Gilmanton Centre,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	March 3, 1851	June 13, 1860	43	76	119	30	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	1	0	70	89 61
Gilmant'n IronWorks,	Oct. 12, 1870	Jeremiah Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S.	22	44	66	20	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	35	51 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	9	15	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
Laconia,	June 26, 1826	Vacant.			44	128	172		1	3	7	3	5	0	8	1	2	99	235 67
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Chas. Burnham,	Nov. 7, 1851	Jan. 8, 1857	19	50	69	13	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	117 95
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	1853	S. S.	19	57	76	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	110	26 00
Moultonborough,		Vacant.	May 12, 1777		12	18	30	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0		17 00
Ossipee,	Sept. 27, 1806	Vacant.			18	37	55	16	2	0	2	1	7	0	8	0	0	40	55 00
Rochester,	1737	Prescott Fay.	1856	S. S.	20	94	114	15	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	175	200 00
Rollinsford,	May 1, 1841	Thomas S. Robie,	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S.	20	74	94	5	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0		98 15
Sanbornton,	1772	M. T. Runnells,	1856	S. S.	42	89	131	15	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	1	123	249 82
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1852	S. S.	9	27	36	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	75	47 85
" North,	June 27, 1832	" "		S. S.	15	22	37	6	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	4	0	70	26 95
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden.	1841	Jan. 9, 1865	56	142	198	24	0	1	1	0	10	0	10	0	2	289	389 88
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1722	Sam'l H. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	34	79	113	19	1	0	1	4	7	0	11	1	0	163	79 39
Tuftonborough,	May, 1839	Vacant.			3	4	7	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0		
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1785	Dan'l D. Tappan,	Nov. 19, 1826	S. S.	10	20	30	11	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	86 72
Wolfborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	1845	S. S.	18	43	61	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	102 69
North,	1839	Vacant.			5	14	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	5 50
					646	1678	2324	440	27	15	42	48	41	1	98	17	12	2624	3666 96

‡A. W. Fiske, North and Centre Barnstead.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Almon Benson, Centre Harbor. Samuel Kinsbury, Tamworth. John Wood, Agent American Tract Society, Wolfborough. Nathaniel Barker, Wakefield. Frank Haley, Wolfborough. John K. Young, D. D., Laconia, ordained Sept. 24, 1829.

CHARLES BURNHAM, *Statistical Scribe.*

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.			Bapt'ms.		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Col.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex. Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	June 13, 1866	51	93	144	22	13	4	17	2	4	6	8	4	150	338 72
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	S. S.	4	25	29	4		1	1	1		1			60	10 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1854	68	187	255	73	11	8	19	4	8	12	7	2	265	743 77
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, 1840	S. S.	17	37	54	10	7	2	9	2	8	10	3	1	75	28 00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	15	25	5									25	
Goshen,	Feb. 23, 1802	*W. H. Barrows,		S. S.	9	16	25	3										5 00
Langdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	S. S.	9	26	35	8	2	2	4	2		2			78	87 36
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	*W. H. Barrows,		S. S.	25	29	54	21				3	15	18			40	18 35
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			8	12	20	6					3	3				
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	F. P. Woodbury,	Apr. 18, 1866	Apr. 18, 1866	30	95	125	40	35	5	40	2	5	7	20	2	130	250 00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	Vacant.			68	135	203	66		3	3	7	6	13		1	150	553 91
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			2	20	22	7									30	28 60
Washington,	May 20, 1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	S. S.	2	22	24	1				1		1			50	4 50
					303	712	1015	266	68	25	93	24	49	73	38	10	1053	$2068 21

* W. H. Barrows has, during the past year, preached one-third of the time at Goshen, and two-thirds of the time at Lempster. G. W. Martin, a student from Union Theological Seminary, has labored four months in Plainfield.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865.

LICENTIATES.—Cyrus S. Richards, L.L.D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850; Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

Conference.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1867.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Char. Coll.
	Vac.	Tot	Pas.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	5	25	9	12	3	24	0	673	1436	2029	357	82	36	118	43	44	2	89	50	41	3572	5871 29
2. Coos,	3	8	2	3	0	5	0	115	301	416	75	15	7	22	10	4	1	15	7	2	439	528 50
3. Grafton,	5	23	8	9	12	29	2	665	1446	2111	431	148	45	193	42	63	9	105	104	16	2112	6023 24
4. Hillsborough,	6	25	17	11	9	37	0	1602	3709	5311	896	128	90	218	90	117	10	217	78	30	6939	16116 62
5. Merrimack,	7	24	11	6	3	20	0	900	1931	2831	537	65	41	106	56	94	4	154	31	29	3182	4398 82
6. Rockingham,	4	31	15	13	7	34	0	992	2373	3365	542	67	43	110	74	67	3	144	26	37	4022	8155 03
7. Strafford,	8	29	7	14	6	27	0	646	1678	2324	449	27	15	42	48	50	1	98	17	12	2624	3676 91
8. Sullivan,	4	13	3	6	2	11	2	303	712	1015	266	68	25	93	24	49	0	73	38	10	1053	2068 21
Total,	42	188	72	73	42	187	4	5826	13576	194 2	3544	600	302	902	387	488	30	896	354	177	23943	47438 62

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

*House of worship repaired at an expense of $416.
†The two churches united.
‡Paid debt of $5000.
§Paid debt $7000.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802; Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1812; Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1833; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842.

THEOPHILUS P. SAWIN, *Statistical Secretary.*

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Association.	Number of Members.	Scribes.	Times of Meeting.
Belknap,	10	Rev. C. Burnham, Meredith Village,	2d Tuesday before the Sabbath in January, 2d Tuesday of May and October.
Derry and Manchester,	22	Rev. L. Armsby, Candia,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Harmony,	6	Rev. T. v. Haines, Ossipee, Centre,	3d Tuesday of January, 2d Tuesday of May, 2d Tuesday of July and October.
Hollis,	19	Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua,	1st Tuesday of February, May, August and November.
Hopkinton,	15	Rev. M. L. Severance, Boscawen,	3d Tuesday of January, May, August and October.
Orange,	12	Rev. F. V. Benton, Newbury, Vt.,	Quarterly, omitting the one in August.
Monadnock,	24	Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Winchester,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October.
Piscataqua,	20	Rev. Geo. M. Adams, Portsmouth,	2d Tuesday of January, April, July and October.
Sullivan,	9	Rev. C. A. Downs, Lebanon,	3d Tuesday of May, August and November.
Suncook,	8	Rev. Wm. C. Carr, Barnstead,	3d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November.
Union,	9	Rev. Charles Cutler, Francestown,	2d Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.
White River,	7	Rev. J. H. Edwards, Acting Scribe, West Lebanon,	2d Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin,	Presb'n Assembly,	New York,	Iowa,
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Mass. Conference, Meth. Conference,	Rhode Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine, Missouri, Minnesota,
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention,
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode Island, Iowa, Nebraska,	New York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon,	Vermont, Ohio, Indiana,
Hopkinton.	Rhode Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota,	Mass. Association, Iowa. California,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	New York, Illinois, Nebraska,
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada,		Mass. Assembly,
Monadnock,	New York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio. Michigan, Presb'n Assembly, Meth. Conference.	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Mass. Association, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut, California, Canada,
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention,	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presb'n Assembly,	Rhode Island,
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Mass. Conference, Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. T. M.,	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention,	Pres. Association, Kansas, Oregon,
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois,	New York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M..	Mass. Conference,
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Meth. Conference,
Hanover,	Presb'n Assembly,	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin, F. W. B. Y. M.,
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Conference,	Michigan,

REMARKS.

I flatter myself that the statistics of the churches in New Hampshire have never been given with more fullness and accuracy than for the past year. The statistical tables may be regarded as quite reliable. The clerks of the several Conferences have taken great pains to secure accurate reports. Some of them complain of much remissness on the part of many ministers and clerks of churches in furnishing their statistics. Is this right? Our Statistical Tables are valuable only in proportion to their fullness and accuracy.

Churches.—The number reported is 188; one less than last year. The two churches in Greenfield having united.

Members.—Whole number reported 19419. Males 5826; Females 13576, which is 37 less than last year.

The additions were, by profession, 600; by letter, 302; total 902, which is 17 more than last year.

The removals were, by death, 387: by dismission, 488; by excommunication, 30; which is 9 more than last year. The baptisms were 354 adults; 177 infants, which is 31 less than last year.

Sabbath Schools.—The whole number reported in the Sabbath Schools is 23,943, which is 239 more than was reported last year.

Charitable Collections.—The whole amount reported is $47,438.62, which is $1,693.82 more than was reported last year, and $2.94 to each member.

Absent Members.—The number reported is 3544, which is 186 less than last year; a diminution in the right way. Yet the number is altogether too large. I would call the attention of pastors and churches to the matter. Some churches have few of this class while other churches report more than one-third of their members as non-residents. It cannot be questioned that the reduction of this class of members, would be an advantage both to the churches and to the absentees.

In respect to infant baptism, are the ministers doing what they can to secure the reviving of the observance of this ordinance? Would not the more faithful observance of infant baptism greatly increase household religion, and thus be a rich blessing to our churches?

The deaths, dismissions, removals, ordinations and installation of ministers have not been fully reported to the Statistical Secretary. This is to be regretted. It is to be hoped that another year, the Clerks of the Conferences will give full and accurate information. Let us seek to make our Minutes a valuable, ecclesiastic record. Is it not worth all the pains, that it will cost to make the Minutes complete in every particular?

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

Fisherville, Oct. 8, 1867.

CATALOGUE

Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New Hamp-
, with their Post Office address, and the number of the
nference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Daniel E., Wilton. 4.
Darwin, Paper Mill Vill. 1.
George N., Portsmouth. 6.
John, Hillsboro' Centre. 4.
ucius, Newcastle. 6.
yrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
S. H., New Alstead. 1.
siah L., Barrington. 7.
L., Candia. 6.
anklin D., Milford. 4.
Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7.
Homer, Plaistow. 6.
J. O., North Hampton. 6.
Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1.
hn H., Antrim. 4.
Edward B., Washington. 4.
.. A., Fisherville. 5.
, Cornish. 8.
er, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
W. H., Lempster. 1.
Almon, Centre Harbor. 7.
ugustus, Pelham. 4.
G. H. De., Walpole. 1.
Asahel, Hancock. 4.
scar, Roxbury. 1.
., Westmoreland. 1.
remiah, Gil. Iron Works. 7.
seph, Gilmanton Centre. 7.
Quincy, Campton. 3.
d, Silas M., Wentworth. 3.
Nathaniel, D.D., Concord. 5.
Geo. A., Pres., Manch'r. 4.
, Samuel C., Francestown. 4.
amuel G., D.D., Hanover. 3.
, Amos W., D.D., Rindge. 1.
. Charles, Meredith. 7.
Edward, Webster. 5.
, A., Hooksett. 5.
. O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
us, Greenfield. 4.
. R., Meriden. 8.
, Elias, So. Newmarket. 6.
g, J. W. Jr., Exeter. 6.
, Jacob, Deerfield. 6.

Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro. 4.
Claggett, Wm. Westmoreland. 1.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, Sumner, Wolfboro. 7.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Pres., Northwood. 6.
Cobb, L. H., Meriden. 8.
Conant, Liba, Hebron. 3.
Condit, Uzal W., Salisbury. 5.
Corser, Enoch, Boscawen. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Day, Pliny B., D.D., Hollis. 4.
Davis, Josiah G., D.D., Amherst. 4.
Eaton, Joseph M. R., Henniker. 5.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emerson, John D., Haverhill. 3.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrer, H., Dalton. 2.
Fay, Prescott, Rochester. 7.
Ferrie, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Field, A. C., New Alstead. 1.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Frink, B. M., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Gerould, Moses, Stoddard 1.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodhue, Daniel, Troy. 1.
Goodrich Lewis, Stratham. 6.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Greenwood, Charles, Plymouth. 3.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haines, T. V., Ossipee Centre. 7.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfboro. 7.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Plymouth. 3.

Hartshorn, V. J., Enfield. 5.
Hidden, Ephram N., Gt. Falls. 7.
Hills, James D., Hollis. 4.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holmes, Otis, Sandwich. 7.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
How, Benjamin, Hudson. 4.
House, Wm., Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Huntington, H. S., Warner. 5.
Humphrey, John P., Winchester. 1.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, Wm. R., Fisherville. 5.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 4.
Kimball, David, Hanover. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Kingsbury, Samuel, Tamworth. 7.
Lawrence, E. A., D.D., Orford. 3.
Leach, Keene.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 2.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Little, Levi, Bedford. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D.D., Hanover. 3.
Lyman, Giles, Marlboro'. 1.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Manning, Abel, East Concord. 5.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marsh, Joseph, Bradford. 4.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook.
Mellish, John H., Kingston. 6.
Merriam, George F., Mason. 4.
Merrill, J. L., Acworth. 8.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 3.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore, Humphrey, D.D., Milford. 4.
Morrill, S. S., Hillsboro' Bridge. 4.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Colebrook. 2.
Park, H. G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 4.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Ray, John W., Manchester. 4.
Richards, Austin, D.D., Nashua. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddle, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Runnells, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Sargent, Roger M., Farmington. 7.
Savage, Wm. T., Franklin. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Seagrave, James, Wentworth. 4.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Smith, Asa D., D.D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Centre. 3.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Spaulding, G., Temple. 4.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D.D., Concord. 5.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. 1.
Tappan, D. D., Wakefield. 7.
Tenny, Erdix, D.D., Lyme. 3.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, Joseph, Stratham. 6.
Tobey, Alvan, D.D., Durham. 7.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tracy, C. B., Bennington. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, C.W., D.D., Manchester. 4.
Willey, Charles, Centre Harbor. 7.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wilson, John G., Jaffrey. 1.
Williams, G., Temple. 4.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfborough. 7.
Young, John K., D.D., Laconia. 7.

SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

[ISSIONARY SOCIETY;

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN NASHUA,

AUGUST, 1867.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-sixth annual meeting for the transac-
ı of business in the vestry of the Olive Street Church, Nashua,
ırsday, Aug. 29, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when the following officers
·e chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL.D., Hanover, *President.*
LYMAN D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord, *Vice President.*
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, Amherst, *Serretary.*
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. LANE, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees Elected in 1867.

Rev. ALSON TOBEY, D. D., Durham.
Rev. J. K. YOUNG, D. D., Laconia.
HON. JOHN W. NOYES, Chester.

Trustees Elected in 1866.

Rev. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. E. G. PARSONS, Derry.
Hon. MILAN HARRIS, Harrisville.

Trustees Elected in 1865.

Rev. JOHN W. RAY, Goffstown.
Rev. J. D. EMERSON, Haverhill.
GEORGE HUTCHINS, Esq., Concord.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees held in the vestry of the Pearl Street Church, Nashua, August 29, 1867, the following members of the Board were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

LYMAN D. STEVENS, Esq., Concord.
REV. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord.
GEORGE HUTCHINS, Esq., Concord.
REV. WM. R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
REV. WM. CLARK, Amherst.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-sixth annual meeting of the Society was held in the Pearl Street Church, Nashua, on Thursday, Aug. 29, 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Manning, Brookline.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. Wm. Clark, when Rev. Dr. Stone, of Concord, moved its adoption and publication, under the direction of the Trustees, seconded by Rev. F. D. Ayer, of Milford, who made an address. Addresses were also made by Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Vt. Domestic Missionary Society, and H. Q. Butterfield, Professor in Lincoln College, Kansas.

ANNUAL REPORT.

ıe members and friends of the New Hampshire Missionary So-ty:

e now hold the sixty-sixth anniversary of the Society. Through oodness of God, to promote whose Kingdom, and the salva- of souls, our fathers, of blessed memory, organized the Soci- ve report no death the past year of any one of our missionaries mmission, but we are pained to record the death of one of its es, that of HORACE WEBSTER, Esq., of Portsmouth, of re- occurrence. His was a character of rare excellence; gentle- y, genial, judicious, earnest, benevolent, ready to every good . His piety was active, constant, principled. Though pressed large legal business, he always found time for domestic, social ublic religious services. In the mental, moral and religious re of the rising generation, he took a deep interest. He loved hurch universal, delighted in efforts for her prosperity. Con- ing liberally of his own means for her advancement, he had success in stimulating others to contribute to this object. He the great missionary enterprise, foreign and home. He was e, efficient large-hearted member of our Board of Trustees. tly will be be missed in our deliberations: greatly in the local h of which he was a member; greatly in the Rockingham rence of Churches: greatly on the anniversaries of our New pshire Missionary Society. But we are comforted in the as- ce that he is now with Christ, whom and his cause, he so much

e regret, also, to be obliged to record the death of Rev. A. P. EY, for nearly thirty-four years pastor of the church in West ord, and for many years a devoted, faithful trustee of our In- ion, who has finished his course within the year, now reported. a missionary of the Society, long a reliable, godly minister g us, who took large interest in all that relates to the king- of Christ, we feel it a duty we owe to ministerial worth, thus ace his name on our record.

will appear from the "*Details and Results*," eleven mission- have left the service of the Society within the year. Thirteen, ettled as pastors at Brookline, Rev. John H. Manning, includ- tudents from Theological Seminaries, have entered it under ission for the first time. We have employed forty-eight mis- ries in forty-five fields, to whose support were appropriated

$5,444.50. Thirty-four of these were in the service during the whole year; fourteen for shorter periods. They performed 39 and three-fourths years of ministerial labor. Whole number of members reported in thirty-six churches, 1231, of whom 405 are males; 376 females. Average attendance on public worship in 37 churches and congregations, 3479. Hopeful conversions reported in 14 churches, 43; additions to 16 churches, 93; removals from 17 churches by death, 31; by dismission, 20; by exclusion, none; total 51; net gain, 44. Baptisms in 11 churches, Infant, 8; Adult, 37; total, 45. Sabbath School scholars in 38 schools, 2445. Contributed in 26 churches, to Home Missions, $518.77; to all other objects, $1193.03; total, $1551.80.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts during the year ending the 15th inst., from all sources, were $8,021.79. Of this amount, $824.65 were from legacies, leaving $7,197.14, viz: $6,899.10, donations, including $2,194.51, from the Female Cent Institution; $259.04 income of the Permanent Fund, including $84.33 from the Memorial Fund, and 83 from other sources. Of the receipts, $1,135.33, including a legacy of $25 were designated by the donors for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $6,886.46, viz: $5,788.77, donations; $799.65, in legacies; and $298.04 from other sources, for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Sent directly to the Treasurer of the A. H. M. Society, N. Y., not passing through our treasury, $4,046.38, viz: $436.06 in donations, and $3,610.32 in legacies, making the whole contributed in the State during the year, for the A. H. M. Society, $5,181.71, and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions the past year, $12,068.17, which is $7,-996.32, less than was raised for the cause for the year next preceding; that year having large legacies for the A. H. M. S., viz: $11,000.12.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements the past year have been $7,637.96, of which $6,502.63 were for the cause in our own State. Balance in the treasury at the close of the year ending Aug. 15, 1866, was $3,-498.80. At the closing of accounts for the present year, it is $3,889.63. The receipts for this year, for expenditures in the State, exceeded the disbursements for our State operations, but $383.83. Receipts from Cent Societies in 1866, were $2,327.34; receipts from same source in 1867, including $84.55, income from "*Memorial Fund*," were $2,279.06, which were less by $48.77, than in 1866.

MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund, a daughter of the Cent Institution, first suggested only three years ago, has awakened a deep interest among the friends of the institution, as is evident from its rapid growth. In the first year of its existence, sixteen memberships were created by the payment for each of $10, making $160. Up to October 27, 1866, one hundred and twenty memberships had been constituted, enlarging the fund to $1,200. At the present time, 188 memberships are recorded, and the fund amounts to $1,884. It is invested in the bonds of our State, and of the United States, the interest of which goes to aid the funds of the New Hampshire Missionary Society. This Society assumes the responsibility of the care and investment of the assets of the Memorial Fund, as the Cent Institution is not an incorporated body.

As the Memorial Fund is a new institution, and enquiries are frequently made in regard to its nature and object, the trustees would again state that it was established in memory of the excellent, christian ladies who founded the New Hampshire Cent Institution, with the design, that their surviving relatives, daughters, grand-daughters, husbands, sons, brothers, and other connexions, should perpetuate the membership of the deceased members of the Cent Institution, by the payment of $10 to the fund. The annual interest of this, at six per cent. is a trifle more than a cent per week, through the year; what the deceased members were wont to give while living. Constituted in the way described, members of the Memorial Fund, though dead, still contribute the cent per week to the New Hampshire Cent Institution, and through that, to the New Hampshire Missionary Society. In this method, the noble founders, and the early members of the Institution *now* contribute, and will continue to contribute to the aid of Home Missions in our State, so long as the Memorial Fund shall be safely invested; which we trust will be so long as the New Hampshire Missionary Society shall exist; and that it will exist and continue to receive the smiles of the Master, so long as any Home Missionary work shall need to be done in our beloved State or nation. What, then, shall be done with the avails of the fund? We will let the Master decide.

It should here be stated that any, or all living members of Cent Societies, or any others, may constitute themselves, as well as their deceased relatives, members of the Memorial Fund. Many have already done so. May many more living friends of the Redeemer do the same.

Churches and Ministers.	Date of commission.	Months of commission.	Appropriations.	Mo's of labor perf'med.	Average congregations.	Hopeful conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab'th School Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By profession.	By letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Missions.	Other objects.	Total.
1 ALSTEAD, NEW.			$125 00		125		28	48	77		1			4		5				90		$35 00	$35 00
Rev. S. H. Amsden,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12		8																			
2 ALSTEAD, PAPER MILLS.			100 00		85		4	21	25											55		20 00	20 00
Rev. D. Adams,.....	April 1, 1866	12		12																			
3 ALTON.			67 50																				
Mr. Charles Palmer, ...	Aug. 1, 1866	1½		1½																			
Mr. C. A. Towle,.....	Mar. 25, 1867	1½		1½																			
Mr. L. H. Fray,.....	Aug. 1, 1867	1½																					
4 BENNINGTON.			100 00		100	2	18	35	53	12	1	13	3	2		5		6	6	75	46 03	67 12	113 15
Rev. C. B. Tracy,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12		12																			
5 BRADFORD.			50 00						40														
Rev. J Marsh,.....	April 1, 1866	12		12																			
6 BROOKLINE.			100 00		100		25	41	66	1								1	1	65	20 00		20 00
Rev. J. H. Manning,.....	Jan. 1, 1867	12		8																			
7 CANAAN.			60 00		120	4	5	14	19	4	1	5								40			
Mr. Robert Sloss,.....	May 1, 1867	4		4																			
8 CHATHAM.			62 50		99	1	14	24	38	1	2	3		3		3	1	1	2	90	7 00	18 00	25 00
Rev. E. B. Pike,.....	May 1, 1866	12		12																			
9 CHARLESTOWN.			200 00		70		4	25	29		1	1	1							60	20 00	5 00	25 00
Rev. H. H. Sanderson,....	Oct. 13, 1866	12		12																			
10 CENTRE HARBOR			150 00			2	19	33	52					2		2				70	26 50	82 70	109 20
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11 CONWAY.			125 00		142	7	27	66	93	6		6					2	4	6	140	76 75	119 97	196 72
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12 CROYDON.			67 50				7	15	22														
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14 DANBURY.																											
	Rev. J. LeBosquet,.....	May 1,	1867	12	$150 00	12	100		30	37	67	3	3	5	2					2	75	20 00		
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	Rev. M. Holman,.....	July 1,	1866	12	150 00	12	85	2	8	29	37										70			
16 DUBLIN.																								
	Rev. A. J. Fosdick,.....	May 1,	1867	12	125 00	12	45		9	13	22				2	1		3			47	68 52	83 14	151 66
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	Rev. O. I. Hartshorn,.....	May 20,	1867	12	200 00	12	60	1	12	30	32	7	2	9						6	6	50	5 00	28 00	33 00
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	Mr. A. C. Campbell,.....	May 1,	1867	4	60 00	4	165														75			
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	Rev. J. A. Stearns,.....	June 1,	1867	12	250 00	12	100		13	35	48	2		2	1	3		4			114	41 34	147 04	188 38
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	Rev. T. T. Merry,.....	May 1,	1866	12	200 00	5	100		2	20	22					1	1	2			40			
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	Rev. Wm. H. Barrows....	July 1,	1866	12	50 00	12	70		10	19	29										45		4 55	4 55
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	Rev. L. Conant,.....	Mar. 1,	1866	12	75 00	12	90		11	15	26				2			2			65		46 00	46 00
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	Rev. Liba Conant,.....	Mar. 1,	1867	12	75 00	12	130		9	26	35										100	7 00	22 00	29 00
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	Rev. Benj. Howe,.....	April 22,	1866	12	100 00	12	76		15	40	55	2	6	8					1	2	3	50	16 72	70 30	87 02
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26 KENSINGTON.																								
	Rev. E. D. Eldridge, ...	Jan. 1,	1867	12	187 00	12	125	1	8	38	46	2	3	5	2			2			105	10 00	50 00	60 00
27 MANCHESTER. (MISSION CHURCH.)																								
	Rev. T. P. Sawin,.....	June 1,	1866	12	300 00	12	100							2							100			
28 MEREDITH VILLAGE.																								
	Rev. C. Burnham,.....	Dec. 1,	1866	12	100 00	12	125	2	19	50	69	2	3	5	2			2	1		1	80	9 60	52 95	62 55
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	Rev. C. F. Page,.....	Sept. 1,	1860	12	150 00	12	50														73	18 93	16 00	34 93
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	Rev. Franklin Davis,.. ...	Jan. 1,	1867	12	200 00	12	125														60	21 00		21 00
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	Rev. E. Chapman,.....	April 1,	1866	12	120 00	12	100	1	9	22	31		1	1	4	1		5			1	50	23 00	46 00	69 00
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	Rev. T. T. Haines,.....	Dec. 16,	1865	12	100 00	12	75		19	37	56			2								40	8 80	37 08	45 88
33 PLAINFIELD.																								
	Mr. Geo. W. Martin,.....	May 18,	1867	4	60 00	3	60		2	13	15										35	13 50	30 00	43 60
34 ROXBURY.																								
	Rev. O. Bissell,.....	June 1,	1866	12	150 00	12			2	9	11													

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Mr. Albert Bowers,...	Mar. 25, 1867	2	30 00	2	80		5	18	23											40			
45 WEST STEWARTSTOWN.																							
Mr. D. D. Marsh,.....	Mar. 25, 1867	1½	100 00	1½	80		5	13	18														
Mr. W. J. Thomson,..	May 1, 1867	4		3																			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead—New.*—Rev. S. H. Amsden, for several years missionary at Wilmot, commenced his labors here under favorable circumstances, among others, on an increase of salary, above what the church had given his predecessors.

2. *Alstead—Paper Mill.*—Rev. D. Adams, our missionary here for some eight years, left April 1st. Since then the church has had preaching but irregularly. It hopes to obtain a regular supply, and is making commendable effort for this. Several families in the place, not connected with the church, subscribe more liberally to sustain the ministry than ever before.

3. *Alton.*—Messrs. Charles M. Palmer, and C. A. Towle, of the Andover Seminary, passed, the former, his autumn vacation of six weeks; the latter, his spring vacation, of a like period, with this church. It has been supplied latterly more or less by students from the Seminary. Mr. Lucien H. Frarey, from Andover, will pass his summer vacation here. It has but little strength. Its prospects of enjoying the stated ministrations of the gospel are not encouraging.

4. *Bennington.*—No special change from the last year. Our missionary says: "It is a time of peace, but not such peace as we need. The church is praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit, hoping that His influences will soon be extended to us. This we greatly need."

5. *Bradford.*—Rev. J. Marsh, after serving this church faithfully three years, left in April, and is now stated supply at Nelson. The prospects of this church are discouraging. Deaths, emigration, and dissention among its few remaining members, have greatly weakened it. Its extinction seems inevitable. With its extinction will cease nearly all good moral influences in the town.

6. *Brookline.*—Rev. John H. Manning commenced laboring here January 1, under commission from our Society. Ordained over the church shortly after, with its unanimous, hearty action, his prospects of usefulness are very flattering. This church had for several years sustained its former pastor, Rev. T. P. Sawin, from their own resources; but unable to raise the salary necessary for the support of their present pastor, even with a tax on their rateable property, of nearly or quite two per cent., they have felt constrained to cast themselves again on our Missionary Society for aid.

7. *Canaan.*—Great changes for the better here. The church edifice had been closed for four or five years, and the prospect of its ever being opened again for continuous worship, was very dark. The secretary had made repeated visits, preached to the little flock,

urged them to effort to regain the blessings of a stated ministry, assuring them of the sympathy and aid of our Missionary Society. About the first of May, he commissioned Mr. ROBERT SLOSS, of the middle class in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., to labor at Canaan, during his summer vacation of four months. He was timely on the ground, and is serving the people, greatly to their acceptance, and with marked tokens of the divine blessing. He preaches to an audience of 120, has a Sabbath School of about 40, sustains a regular weekly prayer meeting of much interest, and visits largely from house to house. Precious fruits are already seen. Several hopeful conversions. Four were admitted to the church by profession, one by letter, on the last Sabbath in June, in the presence of the Secretary, who administered the Lord's Supper; a privilege the church had not before enjoyed for several years,—an occasion of great interest, not only to the church, but to the congregation, who witnessed the scene with fixed, solemn attention. Thirty dollars have been raised and invested in a Sabbath School library. The little church, and those associated with them, in the support of preaching at the present time, are making most commendable efforts to secure the permanent ministrations of the gospel. May their endeavors be successful.

8. *Chatham.*—Our faithful, laborious missionary here for four years, Rev. E. B. Pike, felt it his duty to leave in May. This he did, much to the regret of the church and people. His labors had been greatly blessed to the moral and religious interests of the town. He states that, "if they had the right kind of minister, their prospects were never better There is a very good working force to sustain Sabbath Schools, and social religious meetings, but they need a leader. There is an evident increase of interest among the young men, in attending and supporting public worship. They need a minister. If any people deserve help, I am confident they do, for they are willing to help themselves."

9. *Charlestown.*—Congregation diminished since last report, by numerous removals from the town. The little church not discouraged, "still keeps hoping and laboring on." Congregation interested in the preaching, but no conversions reported.

10. *Center Harbor.*—Our missionary, Rev. C. Willey, labors in faith and patience, but under discouragements. It is a hard field. His average audience through the year has been 72 1-4, varying from 30 to 155. The congregation gives interested attention to preaching. Prayer meetings, in the fall and winter, were well attended and solemn. Hope is cherished of the conversion of some. The pastor gives his people excellent example of benevolence. Of the $109.20, contributed to the objects of christian benevolence the past year, he gave nearly one-half of it. He asks, "have I done wrong to include it with the people's gifts?"

11. *Conway.*—Rev. R. Kimball, still continues our laborious, earnest missionary here. He divides each Sabbath between the

'North" and the "South," four miles apart. Conway is in a very lestitute section of the State. Mr. K. says, "eleven years ago I ound Conway destitute of preaching by any denomination. Sabbath Schools were small, and met only in summer. A similar state of things existed in Bartlett, Jackson, Madison and Albany, (towns in the vicinity of Conway,) except preaching occasionally in school houses, and remained so until recently. Now they have stated preaching in Jackson and a flourishing Sabbath School of the Free Will Baptist order. Bartlett has stated preaching at one school house by a Methodist, and a Sabbath School in another district. Madison has had preaching occasionally, and a Sabbath School in summer, but had been very destitute of both, when last heard from. The case of Albany is much the same as Madison. No house of worship, except school houses, and but little preaching or Sabbath School instruction. Bartlett had preaching at their Methodist church last year. None this year. During nine of the leven years I have supplied two congregations in Conway, and for he first five or six had charge of two Sabbath Schools. Now one f these schools is in charge of the Methodists: the other in our hurch, is conducted without me, and is very interesting. Besides his, our church go out and assist in three Mission Schools. Also, ur young members at the "North," hold a Sabbath evening Bible lass; very interesting, popular and promising. We think our tability and patient labors in the church and Sabbath Schools, exert a steady, salutary influence on other societies. We now have a Calvinistic Baptist meeting at the "North," and a Methodist at the "South." The above report is instructive and full of interest.

12. *Croydon.*—Another instance of the good results of short missions by students from our Theological Seminaries. Such missions have been performed here for the three years last past. Within the year now reported, Messrs. George W. Andrews, and George H. French, of the Andover Seminary, performed, each, six weeks missionary service here. Mr. James B. Stratton, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, is now performing a mission of three months in Croydon. The labors of these Seminary students, as also those of their predecessors have resuscitated an almost extinct church, awakened a strong desire for permanent preaching, and stimulated to liberality in support of the ministrations of the gospel. There is hope the church may still live, and shed its former benign influence over the town.

13. *Dalton.*—Rev. H. Farrar commenced his labors here in May, 1866, and has worked faithfully in and out of the pulpit, with great success, in drawing people to the sanctuary, and children and youth to the Sabbath School. The church has been much diminished by deaths and removals. Most of what is paid for the support of preaching in the town, comes from those not connected with the church, or the organized society. Several, not thus connected, pay commendably for this object. Dalton is an important missionary field.

14. *Danbury.*—Ratable polls in the Society 21; families belonging to the same, 20: their valuation on the assessor's books, $21,554, of which $18,186 belong to the church. Persons not connected with the Society, pay only $41. The Society has a productive fund of $1,050. Temperance Society formed. Some religious interest. The Society is enjoying general prosperity; are paying a debt on the parsonage, and repairing their church edifice.

15. *Deering.*—No special change here since last report. Average congregation, 85; Sabbath School, 70. No ardent spirit sold in town. Church small, consisting of 8 males and 29 females. Our missionary labors steadfastly in faith and hope.

16. *Dublin.*—Most of the families in the town belong to the Unitarian Society, which embraces most of the wealth of the town. Three families have joined the orthodox Society the past year, and worship with it on the Sabbath. Within a few years, the little church and Society have raised a fund for the support of the gospel, of $5,000. They have added 25 per cent., the past year, to the minister's salary, thus securing a like increased per cent. on the appropriations from our Missionary Society; and thus increasng the salary from $500 to $625. The missionary states "there s a good deal of seriousness in the congregation. We hope to see souls converted soon."

17. *Enfield.*—The little church here struggles hard to support the gospel. One of its most efficient members, Hubbard Harris, Esq., has died within the year. He was the principal agent in securing Congregational preaching in the thriving village in the north part of the town, and was, to the last, a firm, generous supporter of the ministry. His loss will be deeply felt. The Church and Society, which worship in a hall, are anxious to erect a meeting-house, and hope, with aid from abroad, to do so at no distant day. There has been cheering religious interest in the congregation, the past year, the fruits of which are nine additions to the church; seven by profession.

18. *East Enfield.*—No Congregational Church in this part of the town. Several members of the church in Enfield, however, reside at the "East." This is some six miles from the "North." In the "East" are numerous valuable families in sympathy with the faith and order of the Puritans. In former years, they have had preaching, more or less, by our missionaries stationed at the "North." At their request, a student, Mr. A. C. Campbell, in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., was sent there about the middle of May, who will remain with them till September. The Secretary recently passed a part of a Sabbath here, and was greatly delighted to find the deep interest of the people in their preacher. This appeared not only from verbal testimony, but from the attendance on his ministrations. The average congregation is 165; Sabbath School, 75. Mr. Campbell passes most of the afternoons in visiting from house to house, and thus has awakened in the hearts of the people great interest in him.

19. *Epping.*—Condition of Church and Society much the same as last year. At the date of the missionary's report, two were propounded for admission to the church. Harmony prevails. A valuable organ has been put into the church edifice, and paid for. Pastor's salary increased $150, of which $100 by the church and people, and $50 by our Missionary Society.

20. *Gorham.*—Rev. T. T. Merry, missionary here for eighteen months, left in October, and is settled in Norway, Me. Rev. B. P. Johnson, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, began his labors with the church in May, to be continued four months; when a graduate of Bangor Seminary, to whom a call to settle has been given, is expected to take charge of the church. None of our missionary churches has a more important location than this. It must be sustained, till it becomes self-supporting.

21. *Goshen.*—Rev. William H. Barrows preached here one-third of the time, for two years past. He has closed his labors with the church, which, it is feared, will not soon again have preaching of its own order. The few remaining members, it is understood, will unite with the Baptists for the present, in public worship.

22. *Groton.*—Two members of this church have died within the year; one, a venerable mother in Israel, Mrs. Phelps, 94 years of age, distinguished for her intelligent, consistent piety, and her long continued alms-deeds. Rev. Mr. Conant divides his labors equally between this church and Hebron.

23. *Hebron.*—The senior deacon of this church, William Crosby, has died within the year, aged 83 years. Our missionary to this and to the Groton church. Rev. L. Conant reports, "while our missionary's heart is pained in view of the sad breach which the death of the dear departed followers of Jesus has made, who, while they lived, were like Aaron and Hur, to sustain, to the extent of their ability, the institutions of the gospel, and gave much alms to the afflicted, he must say, that still there is a very general attendance on the means of grace, both in the sanctuary, and our social meetings. Through your kind benefactions the gospel is published, and along these valleys, and among these hills, the voice of prayer is heard."

24. *Hudson.*—Rev. B. Howe closed his services here in April, after a year's faithful effort to incite the church and people to proper endeavor to sustain the preaching of the gospel, but in vain. They place a very small value on the institutions of the gospel, judging from the little effort they make to sustain them. Mr. Howe is invited to become stated supply to the church in Lempster, which has solicited aid from our Missionary Society in his support.

25. *Hooksett.*—This church has not renewed application for missionary aid for the year commencing April 1st. Mr. Burnham thinks they will endeavor to sustain the gospel hereafter, themselves. It is hoped they will do so, for with the assistance they can have from those who worship with them, they are able. Mr.

Burnham's labors have been very acceptable to the people, and have done much to strengthen them as a religious society.

26. *Kensington.*—In much affliction from personal sickness, and in his family, our missionary has labored faithfully and earnestly, as his strength would permit. His people are very kind toward him, requesting him not to preach when he feels unable; but still they maintain public services on the Sabbath, when he cannot preach. They have showed their interest in, and sympathy for him, by raising his salary twenty-five per cent., and thus securing a like per cent. on the appropriation from our Society, making his salary $625,00. A son of his enters Amherst College this year, with a view to the ministry.

27. *Manchester Christian Mission Church.*—Rev. T. P. Sawin, our missionary, writes: "Our whole work is as yet to be regarded as a branch of the two Congregational Churches in this city. Seven conversions that have occurred among us, will be counted in their Statistical Reports. Our church, so far as all practical working is concerned, is virtually defunct, and has been ever since 1860. Not more than three can be reckoned as members of the congregation. We really have no church." In a city of twenty-five thousand souls, most of whom enter not the sanctuary, a mission like this seems indispensable.

28. *Meredith Village.*—Mr. Burnham writes "there is external prosperity and general harmony in the church" and society. We need, and apparently only need, a rich outpouring of the Spirit to be in a healthy condition. Our church has been repaired to the amount of $200 or $300 the past year, and a beautiful organ has been put up at an expense of $1300. This is, and will be, a help, it bringing some to meeting that would not otherwise attend.

29. *Milton Mills.*—This is a new missionary field. No Congregational Church exists here, but several members of Congregational Churches reside in the village and vicinity, who desire preaching of their own order. A Calvinistic Baptist Church, too much reduced to maintain the ordinances of the gospel, have offered the Congregationalists the gratuitous use of their house of worship, and united with them in support of Congregational preaching. Indeed, it is by the earnest request of members of the Baptist Church, unable to have a minister of their own denomination, that the trustees commissioned Rev. C. F. Page to go to Milton Mills. He commenced his work there September 1st. He writes, "In the midst of a good deal of commotion and party strife, I have been enabled quietly to hold on my way, preaching the word and visiting from house to house. I have held three regular services on the Sabbath, kept up a weekly prayer meeting and a Bible Class."

30. *Newington.*—No church of any name in this town. The missionary reports, an average congregation of 125, and a Sabbath School of 60. He says, "Our people have recently erected a nice horse shed, of fifteen stalls, at an expense of about $375,00. One

of these they have generously given for the use of the minister's horse. I shall hereafter expect an increased attendance on stormy Sabbaths." Within a year or two, important repairs have been made on the church edifice. Externally, things look favorably here. But the converting influences of the Holy Spirit are greatly needed to give saving efficacy to truth."

31. *New Market, South.*—Rev. E. Chapman closed his labors here April 1st, and has removed his family to North Reading, Mass. The Church is very feeble; its weakness, owing in part to disunion, and an undervaluing of the public means of grace. Still, Mr. Chapman thinks they will not abandon all effort to regain these means.

32. *Ossipee Centre.*—Rev. T. V. Haines, our missionary here some four years, left in April and has been stated supply to the church in North Hampton. No successor to him at Ossipee yet. The little Church there are making earnest efforts for the re-settlement of the ministry. They hope to secure a young man from the recently graduated class at Bangor. This Church, sound in the faith, earnest, prayerful, will not rest till they are again blessed with the regular, constant ministrations of the gospel.

33. *Plainfield.*—Two years ago this Church had the services of an Andover Seminary student during his vacation of two months. Having had no regular preaching during 1866, they felt, at the commencement of 1867 that they could endure this destitution no longer, and applied to your Secretary for the services of a student of some Theological Seminary for the term of three or four months. He was successful in obtaining those of Mr. George W. Martin, of the Union Seminary in New York, who commenced his work here May 18. It would appear from his report, that God is already smiling on his labors. "We could not expect better progress in our work here in the limited time I have been on the ground. We had an audience of over one hundred yesterday, the largest yet. Still they come. May they come to Jesus. Kindness on every hand. Men and women are thinking of Jesus. I see it. I hear it. This Church must not be closed again."

34. *Roxbury.*—Rev. Mr. Bissell closed his labors here in April, and has become stated supply at West Townsend, Vt. The church has become very feeble, reduced to two males and nine females. Apparently it must soon become extinct.

35. *Sandwich.*—Writes Mr. Holmes, "Although we have had no season of general interest, yet the ten cases of hopeful conversion mentioned, give joy and vigor along the way of discouragement, while meeting so many who seem to find no form or comeliness in Christ. One of our former members is now in Dartmouth Church and College, on his way to the Christian ministry." Mr. Holmes divides his labors between Sandwich and

36. *Sandwich, North.*

37. *Shelburne.*—Rev. Eugene H. Titus, recently Pastor of the

Dane Street Church, Beverly, Mass., who was obliged to close his labors there in consequence of ill health, and who felt it might be restored under the influence of our White Mountain air, desired a mission to some destitute church in the vicinity of our mountains. Your Secretary introduced him to the little church in Shelburne, where he commenced work May 12, and finds much to encourage him both in improved health, the kindness of the people, and in their attendance on public worship. Under date of July 22, he states, "I preached my first sermon here May 12. My congregation has been on the increase gradually since. It now averages about seventy or eighty. I have visited a good many of the people. This is most certainly a missionary field; yet encouraging in many respects. Those who do love Christ seem to be hoping for and expecting a better state of things." Previously to Mr. Titus's going to Shelburne, there had been no regular preaching of any denomination in the town for many years. It is to be hoped that, under God, he may incite the people to determination and effort, to secure permanent preaching.

38. *South Merrimack.*—At our last anniversary Mr. William H. Pearson, of the middle class, Princeton Seminary, N. J., was serving this church. When he left about the first of September, a committee of the Church and Society requested that Rev. Daniel Sawyer, who had formerly ministered to them, and who resided in the place, might be commissioned to serve out the year. Their request was granted. He did so, when the Methodists took the ground, and the meeting house, in which it is understood they still maintain public worship. To all human view, the Congregational Church in South Merrimack will soon cease to be. This is sad, after its having been aided by our Missionary Society in support of the ministry, more than thirty years.

39. *Stoddard.*—Great prosperity has attended the labors of Mr. Gerould here. When he came to the place, some six or seven years ago, there was no male member belonging to the Church in the town. Now there are sixteen, and fifty-one females. Then, there was but one family altar known to exist in the place. Now there are ten or twelve. Then, but few attended public worship. Now, or from May 1, 1866, to May 1, 1867, the audience has averaged 119. Within the year reported, eighteen have been added to the church, of whom seventeen by profession. Six hopeful conversions reported the past year. Fourteen adult baptisms. Whole number of Sabbath Scholars one hundred and seventy-six; average for the year, eighty-one. Contributions to benevolent Christian objects the last year, $134,73. It is believed this Church will ask for no further aid from our Missionary Soceity in supporting their pastor.

40. *Wakefield.*—Rev. D. D. Tappan continues his mission here under many discouragements, but these do not seem to dampen his spirits, or lessen his efforts for the good of the people. He is in-

ant in season and out of season, almost daily visiting from house house, praying in families and conversing with individuals on eir relations to God and eternity. He preaches, lectures weekly oftener, in school or private houses, in different parts of the wn. All this in addition to preaching generally three times on e Sabbath. He has greatly commended himself to the respect, nfidence and affection of the people.

41. *Washington.*—Encouraging progress is being made in this urch and Society, long greatly depressed. The Church has en revived. Three hopeful conversions reported. Three were opounded for admission to the Church on the first Sabbath in ly. Important repairs have been made on the meeting house. e minister and people are taking courage.

42. *Wilmot.*—Rev. S. H. Amsden closed his mission here nuary 1, and has become stated supply at New Alstead. Since s departure, Rev. Dr. Stone, our Treasurer, has supplied the urch. As he can be with them only on the Sabbath, he would adly introduce to them a permanent supply, who should reside in e place. As yet, he has not been able to do this. He reports e Church not in a healthy condition.

43. *Wolfborough.*—Our missionary writes "Religious services th public and social, have been well attended, and the Sabbath chool is sustained with interest. Our house of worship has been inted, and improved in other respects. We greatly need a special sitation of the Spirit."

44. *Wolfborough, North.*—Mr. Albert Bowers, of the Andover eminary, passed his spring vacation here, to the great acceptance the people. His earnest, faithful services, and his gentlemanly, hristian visitation of the people extensively, induced them in large mbers to attend public worship. They greatly regretted his aving them, but they are cheered with the expectation he will ss the summer vacation with them, for which he has been comissioned. In North Wolfborough are many valuable families, ssessed of property sufficient to sustain, without foreign aid, the stitutions of the gospel. It is hoped they may be disposed soon do this.

45. *West Stewartstown.*—Mr. S. L. R. Trask, of Princeton Theogical Seminary, was laboring with this Church at our last annirsary. His services were greatly prized by the people, and akened in them a desire for continuance of missionary service. r. D. D. Marsh, of the Andover Seminary, performed six weeks labor here in his spring vacation; as much to the acceptance of e community, perhaps, as did his predecessor; and at this time, r. William J. Thompson from Princeton Seminary is laboring ong the people in Stewartstown, and the several towns adjoin- in Vermont and Canada East. He will continue through Aust. He writes, June 6th, "I have preached twice each Sabth to moderate sized audiences; I have spent most of my after-

noons visiting, praying, reading the Bible and talking about personal religion. I think there exists some little seriousness. The prayer meeting on Wednesday evening improves. We have one also on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, which is well attended by the unconverted. The most apparent success is in the Sabbath School, which is large and thoroughly systematized. I would like some tracts very much." Through the kindness of Deacon E. Lamson, of the Park Street Church, Boston, who, years ago, sustained six missionaries six weeks each, at his own charges, among our destitutions in the northern parts of the State, a parcel of religious tracts and Sabbath School books has been sent to Mr. Thomson.

SHORT MISSIONS.

As in two or three former years, the trustees have commissioned students from various Theological Seminaries, to pass their vacations in missionary service among our destitute, feeble churches, which, otherwise, would have little or no preaching. From the Seminary at Princeton, N. J., they commissioned Mr. William J. Thomson, to labor four months from May 1, to August 1, at West Stewartstown and vicinity, including Canaan, Vt., and Hereford, Canada East; Mr. B. P. Johnson, at Gorham; Mr. Robert Sloss, at Canaan, and Mr. A. C. Campbell, at East Enfield, during the same four months. From the Seminary at Andover, Mass., they commissioned Mr. D. D. Marsh to serve six weeks, from March 16 to May 1st, at West Stewartstown, and vicinity; Mr. Albert Bowers, at North Wolfborough; Mr. C. A. Towle, at Alton; Mr. Geo. H. French, at Croydon, during their spring vacation of six weeks, and Mr. George W. Martin, from the Union Theological Seminary of New York, for four months from June 1st, at Plainfield.

At the special request of the people at North Wolfboro,' they have re-commissioned Mr. Albert Bowers to pass his fall vacation there, and by the request of the church at Alton, they have commissioned Mr. Lucien H. Frary, of the Seminary at Andover, to spend the same vacation in missionary service in that town. In most instances, the trustees require churches that receive the services of these Seminary students, to board them, and pay them fifteen dollars per month; the trustees paying them a like sum; making their compensation $30 per month, and board. In some cases, the churches pay the entire expenses of the services of the missionary; in others, more than one-half in addition to board. In one instance, the church enjoying the labors of a missionary six weeks, paid only his board and traveling expenses, the trustees paying him for his labors.

Numerous are the advantages of these brief missions, both to the young men who perform them, and to the churches and communities enjoying their services. They afford the young ministers

some small pecuniary aid, an important consideration to those struggling with debt for their education. Again, they introduce them to the work to which they have devoted their lives. A very important introduction; for, mingling with the people in the common walks of life, they learn their views and feelings; their likes and dislikes. They see human nature as it is, and this enables them to write better, and more practical sermons than is possible while separated from the world in the retirement of the Theological Seminary. In this way, they acquire a self-confidence and a practical knewledge of men, they could secure by no other means, and when they leave the Seminary, and offer themselves to the churches as teachers and pastors, they are much better prepared for their great and arduous work, than they otherwise could be.

Great advantages result to the churches and the people, from these student missionaries. Many of them possess high order of talent, as is evident from the fact, that they are often invited to the pastorate of large city and town churches; not unfrequently, even before they have fully completed their Theological Course. They are ardent, zealous, hopeful and energetic. These traits of character they exhibit in the pulpit, and in their intercourse, social and religious, with the people. They establish prayer meetings, organize Sabbath Schools, distribute religious tracts and books. Looking to God, in constant, devout supplication for his guidance and blessing, they go to work with christian earnestness and expectation of success. While they do not always fully realize their hopes, they find their labors are not in vain, in the Lord. Hitherto neglecters of the sanctuary, are induced to enter it, sit with fixed attention to the preaching of the Word, and not unfrequently receive it into "good and honest hearts," where it brings forth many fold, to the praise and glory of the Redeemer. Christians that have become remiss in duty, and plunged in worldly cares, are quickened; resort to the prayer meetings, and engage in earnest, in the Sabbath Schools, and are ready to every good work. These missionary labors keep the decaying churches alive, often greatly strengthen them, and inspire them with determination to enjoy, as much as they can, the regular ministrations of the gospel. It is worthy of note, that in no instance where a student from our Theological Seminaries has labored among our destitute, feeble churches, that a desire has not been created for repetition of such labor, and this not alone among members of such churches, but among the people living in the vicinity. The strength of this desire is evinced by their readiness to contribute more liberally to the support of the missionary. We may indulge the hope that, with the blessing of God on these short missions, some of our destitute, feeble churches will, ere long, enjoy the blessings of a permanent ministry.

RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

We can report no great results of our Home Missionary Enterprise the past over those of previous years. Our missionaries appear to have labored faithfully and earnestly, in season and out of season, preaching the Word; encouraging Sabbath Schools; sustaining regular weekly prayer-meetings; visiting from house to house; lecturing in the outskirts of their parishes; looking after the moral and spiritual interests of children and youth, In some instances they have, in person, searched out and supplied the destitute throughout their towns or parishes with the Bible; and have induced more or less of their parishioners to subscribe to religious newspapers and periodicals. This varied missionary labor has not been in vain. In various ways, it has directed the minds of multitudes to God and to their spiritual and eternal interests. No special revivals of religion are reported, as having occurred during the year, but as the fruits of former revivals, considerable additions have been made to the churches in Stoddard, North Sandwich, Enfield, Canaan Bennington and Conway. We regret to state but very few—eight infant baptisms are reported. This is owing, in part, to the fact that in many of our feeble churches there are very few young children; but, perhaps, more to the painful fact, that, in most of our churches, large as well as small, this, (as we believe) divine ordinance has fallen into fearful neglect. We are pained, also, at the diminished contributions to benevolent Christian objects in too many of the churches on our list. Several report nothing to our N. H. Missionary Society; to which they look for aid in support of their ministers. Too many report no contributions to any benevolent object. This is verily wrong; wrong to Christ and his cause; wrong to themselves. No feeble church that allows years to pass with contributing little or nothing to the great objects of Christian benevolence, is likely ever to become strong, or to exert much influence for good on the community around them. Every church that solicits aid from our missionary funds, in support of their minister, should understand, that they are expected to contribute to those funds, as they may be able. Any church that feels itself too poor to do this, and neglects to give, will become poorer; poorer, not in Christian character and influence merely, but probably poorer pecuniarily. They take a direct course to perpetuate their weakness and their dependence on our Missionary Society.

In some of the towns, where our mission churches are located, the temperance cause is prosperous. In more, intemperance is prevalent. Intoxicating drinks are sold in defiance of law. In most, Sabbath breaking and profanity are fearfully common. The Sabbath is losing its hold on the masses, as an institution of God. If not employed in usual, secular business, it is in social visiting, or as a holiday. The acknowledgment, the reverential fear of God, worshiping Him in public, and, we fear, in the family, and in pri-

te, too, seem to be dying out of the thoughts and the practice of e multitudes. How this downward tendency can be arrested, and e people generally be brought to keep God's Sabbath, and reverce His sanctuary, is the great moral question of the age.

Two young men, members of our mission churches, one the son one our missionaries, are in College preparing for the ministry.

Repairs have been made the last year, or are now being made meeting houses or horse sheds connected with them, in Stodrd, New Alstead, Meredith Village, Wolfborough, Washington, ›wington and Danbury.

OUR MISSIONARIES AND THEIR SUPPORT.

Our missionaries, as a whole, are earnest, faithful, devoted, selfnying men, wholly given to their appropriate work. They love ɜ Master and His kingdom, and desire, above all things, that he ıy be glorified in the conversion and salvation of souls. For this ɜy pray, study, preach and toil. They spread themselves over ɜ territories committed to their care; preaching lectures on week ys; holding prayer meetings and religious conferences in out tricts: visiting from house to house, endeavoring to impart Chrisn comfort to the aged; counsel to the young; consolation to the icted; admonition to those that are out of the way. To be good nisters of Jesus Christ is their aim.

But, while thus devoting themselves to their great work, they ve been, and most still are, very inadequately supported. With iew to secure them better maintenance, the Missionary Society, its last anniversary, voted "That in consequence of the relative ue of money at the present time, we recommend to the trustees consider the propriety of somewhat enlarging the appropriations those employed in the service of the Society." On this recomndation, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the trus-s, November 12, 1866, they passed the following resolutions, :

1. "*Resolved*, That in view of the inadequate support of our ssionaries, it is, in our opinion, the duty of our feeble churches increase the amount of their subscriptions for the support of ir ministers, at least twenty-five per cent."

2. "*Resolved*, That the trustees will raise their appropriations feeble churches, twenty-five per cent. upon the amount they have ɜn accustomed to receive from our funds, provided they will add ı same percentage to the amount they have hitherto raised themves, and make applications for aid to the trustees, according to : rules."

These rules require, that all churches soliciting aid from our ıds, in support of their ministers, shall show that they raise

from their own means, for this purpose, one and one-quarter of one per cent. on their taxable property; that is $12.50 on each one thousand dollars ($1,000) of such property. The proposition is, that churches asking aid of the Missionary Society, shall raise twenty-five per cent. for the support of their ministers, on the $12.50 on each $1,000 of their ratable property: which they are now required to raise for this purpose, in order to have assistance from our Society.

Several churches have complied with this proposition, and have thus secured to their preachers a better support. To illustrate: a church that heretofore raised $400 from their own resources for the support of their minister, now raises $500, and the Missionary Society that before made a grant to the same church, of $100 for this purpose, now grants $125. In this way, the salary that was previously $500, is now $625; a very essential addition; but still, in many cases, an inadequate support, as the cost of living now is. It is to be earnestly hoped, all our aided churches will avail themselves of this offer. They can, very generally, do so, if they will; and let them not complain that the Missionary Society makes larger grants to some churches than to themselves, while they decline to do more themselves than other churches do for themselves. Let all the churches that look for aid in supporting the gospel among them, do what our proposition suggests, and they will all receive corresponding aid. This will not only greatly encourage their faithful ministers, but react more benignly on themselves, in giving them more character, more efficiency, more self-respect, and be calculated to secure more of the divine blessing on themselves and the communities around them.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Number of ministers of the gospel in the service of the Society the last year, 864. They were distributed in 29 different States and territories; in the New England States, 204; Middle States, 66; Southern States, 5; Western States and Territories, including 24 on the Pacific Coast, 491.

The aggregate of ministerial labor performed, was 655 years; number of congregations and missionary districts supplied, 1645; Sabbath School and Bible Class scholars, 64,000; Contributions to benevolent objects reported by 508 missionaries, $34,062.56; Revivals of religion, 132; in some of which there were 50, 60, 75, 90 hopeful conversions; Conversions mentioned by 376 missionaries, 3356; Additions to the churches, 5959, of which 3505 by profession; 2454 by letter. In connection with the labors of the missionaries during the year, 63 churches have been organized, 31 have become self-sustaining; 46 houses of worship have been com-

eted; 102 repaired; 38 in process of erection; 31 young men connection with the mission churches, reported as in different ages of preparation for the gospel ministry; Receipts the last ear $212,567.63; Total receipts for 41 years, $4,993,245.43; otal years of labor, 25,004; whole number of addition to churches)3,481.

NION OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF DIFFERENT NAMES, IN SUPPORT OF THE GOSPEL, IN CERTAIN CASES, DESIRABLE.

Some years since, the General Association passed resolutions roposing to the ecclesiastical bodies of our Methodist, Calvinistic nd Free Will Baptist brethren, in the State, to unite with the ongregationalists in the support, in villages and towns, where two r more churches of any of the above named denominations exist, nd yet are too weak each, to support preachers of their own or- er, in sustaining an evangelical minister, of such denomination as he majority of those concerned, might agree upon. The trustees re not aware that any of the religious bodies named have re- ponded to the proposal of our General Association. But if any f them have, the union has not been effected, except, perhaps, in ne or two instances. At Salmon Falls, our Methodist brethren, ather the Methodist church there, have united with the Congrega- ionalists in sustaining a Congregational minister, yet retaining heir distinct organization, and meeting as such, for social worship. The Congregational Church there had previously united with the Methodist Church in supporting a Methodist preacher. The union, t is believed, has thus far operated favorably. The two churches re able to give their minister a comfortable support, and act har- noniously. In Goshen, our church there, quite too feeble to sus- ain the institutions of the gospel, even with such aid as our Mis- ionary Society has heretofore granted them, some of the members ave united with the Baptists, and some with the Methodists, in upporting their respective preachers. Such union in circumstances n question, is exceedingly desirable, and would, with the divine lessing, be productive of the most happy results; not the least, e funds now expended by Missionary Societies in aiding in the upport of two or three preachers, where one of the right spirit ould do more good than they all, might be used in conferring the essings of a godly ministry upon the really destitute and needy. is to be hoped this arrangement will be generally effected in me. But it cannot *now* be done. There still exists too much at- chment to sect in feeble churches of all evangelical denominations waive their prejudices, and unite in the support of an evangeli- l ministry for the common good. Sad that it should be so.

VALUE OF HOME MISSIONS.

The value of the Home Missionary Enterprise cannot be estimated. It befriends all the true interests of man, both for time and eternity. It is to the moral world what the sun is to the physical world, diffusing, wherever it goes, light, warmth and life, creating beauty and glory; causing joy and blessedness.

1. *It promotes education* and *general intelligence.*

Our home missionaries are educated men, have disciplined minds, well stored with varied knowledge; many of them well qualified to fill almost any station to which men are called. Educated themselves, they are the friends and promoters of education and learning in the communities in which they dwell. Illustrations of this abound in the great western and north western portions of our country. Following the first waves of population in those directions, they are the prime, efficient movers, in territorial conventions and legislatures, directly or indirectly, of constitutional and statutory enactments, for setting apart large sections of land for the support of schools, academies and colleges. Not unfrequently they are appointed the first teachers in all these different grades of literary institutions. In and over the colleges, they become officers, the Professors and Presidents, and are thus made the life, the soul, of all the great interests of education in those vast rising empires. Does any one doubt this? Then let them contrast Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, where almost no home missionaries have ever been stationed, and where there are almost no literary institutions of any kind, with Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, California, and Oregon even, where intelligent, earnest, home missionaries were sent in the early history of those territories, now States, and where you may now see Common Schools, Academies, Colleges, all the higher Seminaries of learning, flourishing and diffusing their benign influence over those rapidly growing States. Let any intelligent man place before his mind's eye, the character and mental condition of these two classes of States, he will be no longer incredulous in regard to the influence of home missions in promoting education and general intelligence.

2. *Home Missions uphold the supremacy of law and government.* Their friends and agents fear God, the great Lawgiver and Governor of the Universe. Honestly aiming to obey the laws themselves, they teach others to obey them. Human governments they view as ordained of God; magistrates as the ministers of God to execute wrath upon evil doers; that those who resist rulers, resist the ordinance of God. Wherever you find the true Missionary of the Cross, you find the friend and supporter of good law and government. All violaters of law they demand shall experience the penalty of law; not from a spirit of revenge, but to show the sacredness and majesty of law, as a terror to evil doers; to maintain

·ernment, and, through it, to secure the welfare of community. me missions promote loyalty. This was shown in the late war he rebellion. Carefully collected statistics show that more than r thousand members of Congregational Churches in the West l North West, most of which are mission churches, volunteered he defence of our government, of whom more than three hun- d were Sabbath School Superintendents; three hundred the s of Congregational ministers; more than one hundred were igregational ministers. In connexion with the four thousand nbers of Congregational Churches, who enlisted for the defence ur government, were twelve thousand belonging to religious ieties acting with those churches. It is an admitted fact that great West was saved from joining in the rebellion, through the ience of Home Missions on its people.

· *These promote good morals and domestic happiness.*—In imunities uninfluenced by the fear of God, vice and crime pre- . Dishonesty, fraud, theft, Sabbath-breaking, blasphemy, licen- sness, intemperance, malice, revenge, murder, and every evil k, are rife. To all these the godly home missionary, and the rches he organizes, both by precept and example, act as checks. ore them, the impure and the immoral feel rebuked, and are re- aed or retire into darkness. All the virtues opposite to these s are encouraged. The marriage relation is vindicated as an itution of God; a relation to be as permanent as the lives of parties, who are to be faithful to each other till death. Happy es are created. Neighborhoods peaceable, kind, obliging, sym- izing, spring up. Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, , lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, diffuse moral ity and charm over society.

. *Home Missions befriend and promote civil and religious lib-* —They inculcate and lead to the practice of the golden rule. y teach that God has given to all men, irrespective of color and lition, equal rights and immunities; that all should enjoy, and ld have secured to them, by constitutional law, civil and re- us freedom. They are the friends of man as man, and would ly promote all his true interests; his industry, thrift, lawful rprise, education, high civilization, refinement, integrity, chris- morals, social and domestic happiness, civil and religious lom; conscientious obedience to good and wholesome law; loyalty to government, enlightened patriotism. Above all, more than all—

Home Missions aim to secure, and, with the divine blessing ecure the endless welfare of men, the salvation of the soul.— we then place too high an estimate upon them? Ought they o have larger place in our thoughts, prayers and benefactions? they not the hope, the almost only hope, of the perpetuity of republican government and of the invaluable institutions that

have risen up under it. Without them, how shall the institutions of our holy religion be sustained in many sections of the older States; how established in the newer States and territories, all vast empires in extent of area, the greater portions of which are moral and religious wastes, in which there is almost no Sabbath, no sanctuary, no public worship of the Most High God; but in which iniquity abounds. The heart sickens at the contemplation of these wide desolations, and the certainty of their continuance and extension, only as the Home Missionary enterprise shall prevent. Let it prosper, and with the smiles of Heaven, accomplish its benevolent, its far reaching aims; the wilderness becomes as Eden, the desert as the garden of the Lord.

In behalf of the Trusees,

WILLIAM CLARK, *Secretary.*

DR. *The New Hampshire Missionary Society in account with* BENJ. P. STONE, *Treasurer.* CR.

To paid feeble churches and missionaries,	$4,699 12	By balance from last year's account,	$3,498 80
American Home Missionary Society, by direction of donors,	1,135 33	Donations from churches, congregations and individuals,	3,594 26
Rev. Wm. Clark, salary as Secretary and Agent,	950 00	From the N. H. Cent Institution,	2,194 51
Rev. Wm. Clark's bill for traveling expenses $180, postage on letters, circulars, &c., 36.13; Stationery, 15.12; expressage, 2.50; circulars, 3.00, and U. S. stamps, 2.30,	234 05	Legacies,	799 65
Treasurer's salary,	150 00	Donations for the American Home Missions,	1,110 33
his bill for postage, stationery, stamps and express,	28 57	Legacy for the American Home Missionary Society,	25 00
Treasuress of the Cent Institution, salary,	30 00	Income of Permanent Fund, including $84.55 income of the Memorial Fund,	259 04
for printing 970 Annual Reports, 132.40; printing 4,024 Cent Reports, 60.74,	193 14	Donation for Rev. Charles Shedd,	12 00
Permanent Fund,	200 00	Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. W. Clark,	27 00
Wm. Butterfield, for printing circulars,	2 50		$11,520 59
Coggswell & Sturtevant, for blanks,	3 25		
Rev. Charles Shedd, donation entrusted to care of Treasurer,	12 00	Permanent Fund, in Stocks, Notes and Cash,	$1,908 29
Balance to new account,	3,882 63	Memorial Permanent Fund, in Stocks, Notes and Cash,	1,884 00
	$11,520 59	Total,	$3,792 29

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of Benjamin P. Stone, with the New Hampshire Missionary Society, from August 15, 1866, to August 15, 1867, and find his casting correct, and all the charges substantiated by satisfactory vouchers, and that there is a balance in his hands amounting to ($3,882.63) three thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. His account of the amount of the Permanent Fund was shown to be correct, by producing the proper certificates, bonds and notes, as was also his statement of the Memorial Permanent Fund, by the exhibition of the bonds and notes named therein. S. G. LANE, *Auditor.*

Concord, August 16, 1867.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Cong. church and society, $20; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Dea. Amasa Lincoln, life member; the balance $16 50 in part to constitute Rev. J. L. Merrill life member, 23 80,	$43 80
Alstead—B. F. Fisher,	1 50
Amherst—Cong. church and society for American Home Missionary Society, 59 26, do to constitute Miss Ann M. Lawrence, life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00, G. F. Stearns life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00,	119 26
Atkinson—A friend,	2 00
Barrington—Cong. church and society, two collections,	17 08
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society,	70 00
Bennington—Cong. church and society,	14 50
Boscawen—Cong. church and society, two collections, 44 00, David A. Gerrish, in part to constitute Addie D. Gerrish life member of American Home Missionary Society, 15 00,	59 00
Brookline—Cong. church and society, 20 00, Asa Betterly, 2 00,	22 00
Bristol—Congregational church and society,	
Campton—Cong. church and society, 12 00, John Pulsifer, first installment to constitute Edward Stickney life member of American Home Missionary Society, 5 00,	17 00
Center Harbor—Cong. church and society, 13 84, Rev. A. Benson, 1 00,	14 84
Charlestown—Cong. church and society,	16 00
Chatham—Cong. church and society,	7 00
Chester—Cong. church and society,	25 00
Chichester—Cong. church and society,	6 50
Claremont—Cong. church and society, 56 00, E. L. Goddard, life member, 30 00,	86 00
Concord, First—Cong. church and society, 40 36, do for the American Home Missionary Society 78 89, Mrs. Ann G. Merrill, for the American Home Missionary Society, 10 00,	129 25
Concord, South—Cong. and society, 30 89, individual 1,	31 89
Concord, West—Cong. church and society, 18 33, do in part to constitute Jeremiah F. Runnells life member, 21 07,	39 40
Dalton—Cong. church and society,	7 00
Deerfield—Cong. church and society,	15 00
Derry—First Church and society 23 99, do to constitute Dea. William D. Clark and Dea. Daniel J. Day life members of American Home Missionary 70 00,	93 99
Derry—First Cong. church and society,	52 55
Dover—First Cong. church and society, two collections,	365 35
Dover—Belknap church and society,	12 00
Dunbarton—Cong. church and society,	14 33

m—Cong. church and society 32 13, do for the American Home Missionary Society 20 00,	52 13
g—Cong. church and society,	31 84
—First Cong. church and society,	76 50
—Second Cong. church and society,	128 68
ngton—Cong. church and society to constitute Rev. R. M. Sargent life member,	30 00
ville—Dea. Almon Harris for the American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
lliam—Levi Tower,	3 00
stown—Cong. church and society,	51 36
nton—Cong. church and society.	12 00
nton Iron Works—Thomas Cogswell,	1 00
non—Cong. church and society to constitute Alvin Hadley life member American Home Missionary Society,	34 00
n—Cong. church and society 10 00, Mrs. Edmund Burt 4 00,	14 00
Falls—Cong. church and society,	66 05
and—Cong. church and society,	20 00
—Cong. church and society,	7 50
er—Cong. church and society, Dartmouth College,	34 31
er Center—Cong. church and society,	4 00
ton—Cong. church and society,	14 24
ck—Cong. church and society,	16 30
hill—Cong. church and society to constitute John C. Blaisdell life member,	39 50
ker—Cong. church and society to constitute Miss Ella F. Gould life member 43 00, do to constitute Mrs. E. Mariah Cogswell, and Daniel Putney, life members of American Home Missionary Society 69 00,	112 00
—Cong. church and society 29 00, do for American Home Missionary Society 45 31, John Shedd to constitute Sarah Eva Shedd and Mary E. Shedd of Ontario, Ill., and O. G. Patch life members of American Home Missionary Society, 90 00,	164 31
nton—Cong. church and society,	11 25
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y—First Cong. church and society,	12 00
—Cong. church and society 68 75, Monthly Concert 60 30, Ladies' Heshbon, Society 25 00, Mrs. F. H. Griffin for American Home Missionary Society, 5 00, Mrs. Hutchins for deceased children 5 franks, 1 25, N. H., 1 00,	161 30
ngton—Cong. church and society,	10 00
ia—Cong. church and society,	5 00
on—Cong. church and society,	21 00
n—L. G. Chase,	1 00
—Cong. church and society,	206 00
borough—Cong. church and society,	30 27
hester—First Cong. church and society,	350 00
hester—Franklin Street church and society 71 68, C. B. Southworth 10 00,	81 68
orough—Cong. church and society,	19 18
—Cong. church and society,	3 00
ith Village—Cong. church and society to constitute Miss Betsey Norris life member 30 00, do for the American Home Missionary Society 25 00,	55 00
mack—Cong. church and society,	53 75

Milford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Dea. Robert Knight, Dr. H. Eldredge, Miss Ann J. Watson, Jason T. Burns and Charles A. Daniels life members of American Home Missionary Society, 150 00

•*Milton Mills*—Cong. church and society, 10 60

Mont Vernon—Cong. church and society 15 50, less counterfeit 50 cts., 15 00

Moultonborough—Mrs. Martha H. Dodge, an. mem., 2 00

Nashua—Olive Street church and society, 119 06

Nashua—Pearl Street church and society, 115 11

Nashua—Mrs. H. M. Bradford, for the American Home Missionary Society, 10 00

Newington—People, 10 50

New Ipswich—Cong. church and society 10 00, do for the South and West 25 00, Childrens' fair 25 00, 60 00

North Conway—Cong. church and society 24 75, Mrs. R. M. Colby for American Home Missionary Society 5 00, 29 75

Orford—Cong. church and society, to constitute Thomas L. Dimick life member, 30 00

Ossipee Center—Cong. church and society, 8 80

Pelham—Cong. church and society 22 00, do for American Home Missionary Society 30 00, Mrs. General Richardson for American Home Missionary Society 100, 152 00

Pembroke—Cong. church and society, 17 34

Peterborough—Cong. church and society, to constitute A. B. Tarbell life member, 30 00

Pittsfield—Cong. church and society 27 24, Dea. R. L. French in part to constitute his daughter, S. G. French, life member of American Home Missionary Society 5 00, 32 24

Plainfield—Rev. Jacob Scales and others, 7 00

Plymouth—Cong. church and society 34 00, A friend to constitute Osgood Keniston life member of A. H. M. S., 30 00, 64 00

Raymond—Cong. church and society, 20 00

Rindge—Cong. church and society 11 60, Female Aux. Home Missionary Society 31 40, 43 00

Salem—Children of the Sabbath School, 3 00

Sanbornton—Cong. church and society, 28 00

Salisbury—Cong. church and society, 38 90

Salmon Falls—Cong. church and society, 20 00

Sanbornton Bridge—Cong. church and society in part to constitute Adam S. Ballantyne, 8 20

Sandwich—Cong. church and society, 5 40

Sandwich, North—S. Ballentyne, life member, 28 43

South Merrimack—Cong. church and society 4 00, A friend 5 00, 9 00

Stoddard—Cong. church and society to constitute Rev. S. L. Gerould life member, 32 45

Stratham—Cong. church and society, 20 00

Sullivan—Cong. church and society, 15 65

Swanzey—Cong. church and society, 7 31

Tamworth—Cong. church and society, 10 10

Troy—Monthly concert, 13 00

Wakefield—Cong. church and society, 12 00

Warner—Cong. church and society 6 30, in full to constitute Dea. Levi Flanders life member, do 24 67 and 5 00 by Dea. M. D. Wheeler, in part to constitute Rev. Henry S. Huntington life member, 35 97

Washington—Cong. church and society, 5 00

Webster—Cong. church and society 30 25, Calvin Little life member of A. H. M. S., 30 00, Henry H. Dodge in full to constitute his daughter Lucy Dodge life member of A. H. M. Society 15 00, 75 25

orth—Cong. church and society,	14 50
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ester—Ladies to constitute Miss Lucy Genning life member,	30 00
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LEGACIES.

rst.—Legacy of Alma E. Winchester,	$40 00
rst.—Dying bequest of Mrs. Aaron Lawrence for the A. H. M. S.	25 00
th.—Legacy of Miss Corinna Slader,	472 65
rd.—Legacy of Peggy Dodge, late of Salem, Mass.,	124 00
on.—Legacy of Betsy Liscomb,	50 00
en.—Legacy of widow Mary S. Wood,	53 00
w.—Legacy of Mrs. Lydia Downing, to constitute her daughters, Mrs. L. C. Nichols, of Marlow, and Mrs. N, G. Spaulding, of Fitchburg, Mass., Life Members,	60 00
	$824 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

. Female Cent Institution,	$2,194 51
ıe of Permanent Fund,	174 49
ıe of Memorial Fund,	84 55
ıe of Bank Stock, current fund,	20 00
nd, for some needy western missionary, sent to Rev. Chas. Shedd,	12 00
land, Mass.—Martha B, Huntress, in full to constitute Miss Eunice Bartlett, Campton, Life Member,	5 00
ent towns in Cheshire County,	3 00
ord, Vt.—A friend,	1 00
ı of supplying pulpits, by Rev. Wm. Clark,	27 00
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1802—Concord,	386 62	1836—Exeter,	4,942 02
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1812—Hollis,	1,520 58	1846—Newport,	9,027 15
1813—Plymouth,	932 27	1847—Mered'h Br.(Laconia)	6,050 51
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1816—Concord,	2,633 36	1850—Great Falls,	7,368 54
1817—Exeter,	2,395 05	1851—Acworth,	9,948 47
1818—Dover,	2,427 10	1852—Pittsfield,	7,896 50
1819—Haverhill,	2,537 21	1853—Littleton,	10,461 21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712 56	1854—Derry,	8,417 53
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Counties.	Tract. *	Education. †	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen. ‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov..	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March.
Merrimack,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,
Rockingham,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,
Hillsborough,	Oct., Nov..	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,
Cheshire and Sullivan,	Dec., Jan.,	Feb., March,	April, May,	June, July,	Aug., Sept.,	Oct., Nov.,
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be styled the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New Hampshire and also to co-operate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and of the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society, or contributor to its funds. He shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings, when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meeting of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

Art. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

Art. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

Art. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

Art. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, besides having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY,

AS REVISED BY THE TRUSTEES, AUGUST 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry? *
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source,—and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly discharge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to

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* The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and *all other stocks*, so far as can be ascertained.

feeble churches, to defray the expenses of a temporary supply of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar, of their ratable property, that is $12.50 on $1,000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power, to vary from this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will co-operate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1 1-4 per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent. to one and one-quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the Secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the Treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July, shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the Society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, viz:

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessors' books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised: by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession; by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath School?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New Hampshire Missionary Society?
19. What the amount to all other religious charities?
20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

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ll communications intended for the Trustees, and any corres-
dence relating to the general interests of the Society, may be
lressed to Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, N. H.
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the pecuniary concerns of the Society, may be made to Rev. B.
Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.
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he semi-annual meeting of the Trustees is to be at Concord the
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M OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

give to the New Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of
ars for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt
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LIFE MEMBERS,
CONSTITUTED DURING THE YEAR.

Abbott, Mrs. E. K., Webster.
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Bartlett, Miss Eunice, Campton.
Blakely, Mrs. Gertrude S., Campton.
Blaisdell, John C., Haverhill.
Brickett, Mrs. Lydia, Londonderry.
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Knight, Dea. Robert, A.H.M.S.Milf'd
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Lawrence, Miss Ann M., A. H. M. S., Amherst.
Little, Calvin, A. H. M. S., Webster.
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Shedd, Sarah Eva, A. H. M. S., Ontario, Ill.
Spaulding, Mrs.N. J., Fitchb'g,Mass.
Spaulding, Mrs. Leonard, Francest'n.
Spaulding, Mrs. Henry, Francestown.
Swan, Mrs. Henry, Haverhill.
Stearns, G. F., A. H. M. S., Amherst.
Tarbell, N. B., Peterborough.
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Wood, Mrs. Martha N., Boscawen.

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Baker, Mrs. Elizabeth P., Sanbornton Bridge.
Burnham, Rev. Charles, Mere. Vill.
Burnham, Mrs. Mary M., Mere. Vill.
Cofran, Mrs. Phebe, Sanbornton Br.
Cushing, Clarissa W., Dover.
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Farnum, Mrs. H., West Concord.
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Lord, Dr. Nathaniel, Dover.
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Watson, Elizabeth, Dover.
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Preacher of the opening sermon from the White River Association.

Committee on Narratives, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. William J. Tucker.

Committee of Inquiry, to propose questions according to Art. VII, sec. 4, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Rev. Quincy Blakely, Dea. W. W. Russell.

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Rev. L. Z. Ferris; substitute, Rev. Hiram Mead.

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire*, 26 churches. Meets on the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk; George Kingsbury, Esq., Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

Coos, 9 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. E. E. Milliken, Littleton, Clerk; Rev. H. V. Emmons, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 23 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 34 churches; 30 Cong.; 4 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. William J. Tucker, Manchester, Clerk and Treasurer. Rev. T. P. Sawin, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 24 churches. Meets the fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 32 churches; 30 Cong.; 2 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping, Clerk, Statistical Scribe, and Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 31 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev.

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Charles Burnham, Meredith Village, Clerk, Statistical Secretary, and Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont, Clerk and Statistical Secretary. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

PERMANENT OFFICERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary, Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, and from Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions; namely, one minister for every seven members of a Ministerial Association, and one layman for every seven churches belonging to a Conference of Churches: *Provided*, that every Association and every Conference shall have one delegate. If a fraction of four or more members exists, the body having such fraction shall be entitled to an additional delegate. The pastor of the church with whom the Association meets, the permanent officers of the Association, and members of such committee as reported to it, with a representative of the Faculty of Dartmouth College, shall be members *ex-officiis*. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be understood that the system of Scripture doctrine contained in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union in this Association. Hence every Association and every Conference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the Christian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiastical power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of individuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to promote brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual animation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches of Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the state of our particular churches, and the general state of the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world; and to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most eligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holiness."

IV. MEETING AND ORGANIZATION. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon by a minister appointed by one of the District Associations in rotation.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary

shall read the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion; have charge of the archives, and conduct the correspondence of this body. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

2. A Statistical Secretary shall be chosen by ballot for three years from the first day of November following his appointment. He shall procure the statistics of the churches through the Statistical Scribes of the several Conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and present them in that form, and properly combined in a summary, at each session of the General Association. He shall superintend their printing, and be a member of a publishing committe. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct. He shall be allowed his expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

3. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may, designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

4. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve on his associate. Should both offices be thus vacated, the scribe of the preceding meeting is authorized to act in their stead.

VII. Committees. At each meeting of the Association, and near the organization, the following committees shall be chosen by ballot:

1. *A Committee of Arrangements*, consisting of one minister, one layman, and the pastor at the place of meeting, shall be appointed, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the

session; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. A committee of three, called *Committee of Nominations*, shall be appointed, to designate an auditor, and make all other nominations not otherwise provided for.

3. *A Committee on Narratives and an Address to the Churches.* A committee of two shall be appointed annually, to receive the narratives and statements concerning the state of religion, which shall be furnished by the several Conferences as early as the 1st of July, and condense the same into one narrative, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. This committee shall subsequently prepare a Pastoral Address on some topic affecting the general interests of religion and the welfare of the churches, which shall be submitted to the next annual meeting of this Association, and, if approved, published by them and sent to the churches.

4. A committee of three, to be called the *Committee of Inquiry*, the members of which shall reside within the limits of one Conference, shall be appointed annually, to prepare a schedule of questions for discussion by the Association, at the meeting of the following year. These questions shall be submitted to the Secretary, and two or more published under his direction. In this connection the Secretary shall designate the Associations which shall furnish one speaker on each question so published.

5. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a *Committee of Publication.* They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday forenoon,* after the opening sermon, shall be devoted to organization, choice of committees, and business of the Association. *Tuesday afternoon,* two hours may be appropriated to hearing the narrative of the state of religion, to addresses and statements on the same subject, and the reading of the Pastoral Letter; after which delegates from corresponding bodies shall be heard.

2. *Wednesday forenoon.* The Association will devote an hour to hearing reports from their delegates to foreign bodies. Then time shall be appropriated to hearing reports and addresses respecting the operations and prospects of our benevolent in-

stitutions; commencing with the New-Hampshire Bible Society, and followed by other societies and institutions in such order and for such length of time as the Association shall direct.

Wednesday afternoon. At 2½ o'clock the Association shall give place to the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, and hear the report of its Secretary, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College. At 4 o'clock the anniversary of the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union.

Wednesday evening shall be devoted to the discussion of the questions submitted by the Committee of Inquiry, and previously published by the Secretary. The speakers opening the debate may occupy fifteen minutes.

3. *Thursday forenoon.* At 10 o'clock the Association will give place to the anniversary exercises of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Thursday afternoon. At 2 o'clock the Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the Sacrament of the Supper.

4. Other devotional services may be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the consent of the Association.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order, direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely, Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken an each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he act disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to oder.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up their nominations, for confirmation, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New-York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, he may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New-Hampshire held its fifty-ninth annual meeting in the house of the First Church in Concord, commencing Tuesday, August 25, 1868, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. George Dustan, from John 15: 4.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap — Rev. Charles Burnham, Meredith; Rev. Liba Conant, Hebron.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. James Holmes, Auburn; Rev. L. G. Parker, Derry.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., Nashua; Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis.

Hopkinton—Rev. Edward Buxton, Webster; Rev. Corban Curtice, Sanbornton; Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker; Rev. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville.

Lancaster—Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster.

Monadnock—Rev. T. W. Duncan, Nelson; Rev. T. E. Roberts, Swanzey; Rev. H. Wood, Gilsum.

Orange—Rev. E. A. Lawrence, D. D., Orford; Rev. B. Smith, Hanover Center.

Sullivan—Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth.

Suncook—Rev. Jacob Chapman, Deerfield.

Union—Rev. E. B. Claggett, Lyndeborough; Rev. Rufus Case, Jaffrey.

White River—

Piscataqua — Rev. T. V. Haines, North-Hampton; Rev. Isaac C. White, Newmarket; Rev. J. H. Stearns, Epping.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Bro. L. D. Osborne, Keene.

Coos—

Grafton—Dea. William G. Brown, Campton; Dea. D. C. Churchill, Lyme.

Hillsborough—Dea. A. A. Farnsworth, Peterborough; Dr. Edward Aiken, Amherst; Bro. G. W. Pinkerton, Manchester.

Merrimack—Dr. A. P. Tenney, West Concord; G. N. Shepard, West Epping.

Rockingham—David Currier, Derry; John Stevens, Portsmouth; G. P. Judkins, Kingston.

Strafford—J. S. Sanborn, Sanbornton.

Sullivan—

From Dartmouth College—Rev. Prof. D. J. Noyes.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., Amherst, Secretary.

Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Fisherville, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Pastor of the North Church, Concord.

Rev. J. H. Edwards, West Lebanon, Rev. Joseph Blake, Gilmanton, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Lyme, members of reporting committees.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. J. M. Brewster, of Dover, from Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Rev. L. D. Barrows, D. D., from the Methodist Episcopal Conference in New-Hampshire.

Rev. George B. Safford, from the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. John Colby, from the General Association of Massachusetts.

Rev. Edwin Hall, from the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. C. P. Osborne, from the General Association of Rhode-Island.

Rev. George Darling, from the General Conference of Ohio.

Rev. Charles Caverno, from the Congregational and Presbyterian Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. J. W. Strong, from the General Association of Minnesota.

Rev. Prof. S. C. Bartlett, D. D., from the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D. D., from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Association was organized by choice of Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, D. D., of Orford, Moderator; Rev. E. B. Claggett, of Lyndeborough, Scribe; and Rev. H. A. Hazen, of Lyme, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. F. D. Ayer, Rev. L. S. Parker, and Bro. George W. Pinkerton, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. Rufus Case, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Rev. H. A. Hazen, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. E. H. Greely, Rev. Quincy Blakely, and Dea. Wm. W. Russell, Committee of Inquiry.

Rev. E. G. Parsons, and Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Committee on Narrative.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

After a season of devotion, the Narrative of the State of Religion and Obituary Notices were read by Rev. Joseph Blake, followed by addresses from Rev. R. M. Sargent, and Rev. Dr. Wallace.

Letters of salutation from the General Association of Michigan, the General Conference of Rhode-Island, and the General Association of Iowa, were read by the Secretary.

Rev. Geo. Darling presented the salutations of the General Association of Ohio; Rev. J. M. Brewster, of the Free Will Baptist Conference; Rev. Edwin Hall, of the General Association of Connecticut; Rev. Dr. Bartlett of the General Association of Illinois; Rev. John Colby, of the General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Geo. B. Safford, of the General Convention of Vermont.

To these salutations the Moderator happily responded.

The Pastoral Letter, prepared by Rev. S. P. Leeds, was read by Rev. J. H. Edwards.

Voted to adjourn until 7½ o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Met agreeably to adjournment, but as public services were about to commence, at which Dr. S. C. Bartlett was to preach, voted to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

A prayer meeting was held at the First Church at 8 o'clock.

Association came together at 9 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Rockwood.

The Minutes were read and approved.

A letter was read presenting salutations of the General Conference of Maine.

Rev. John Wood spoke in behalf of the American and Foreign Christian Union; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the American Tract Society; Rev. Asa Bullard, in behalf of the Congregational Sabbath School and Publication Society; Rev. C. L. Woodworth, in behalf of the American Missionary Association; and Rev. S. W. Hanks, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society.

Rev. Joseph T. Duryea presented the salutations of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. L. D. Barrows, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Charles Caverno, of the General Association of Wisconsin; and Rev. C. P. Osborn, of the General Conference of Rhode-Island. To each delegate the Moderator responded.

Voted, That the questions which were to be discussed in the evening of to-day be taken up at three o'clock this afternoon, and that the evening be appropriated to religious services, and preaching by Rev. Dr. Duryea.

The Report of the Treasurer was read. Voted to accept it. Voted, also, to raise two hundred dollars for the ensuing year, and voted to print 500 copies of the Minutes of the Association, with the Report of the N. H. Missionary Society, and 100 copies without it.

Voted, That Dr. Bouton's Report of the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund, made to the General Association at Newport, be published with the Minutes.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary make such recommendations to the District Associations and County Conferences,

as he shall deem adapted to secure greater accuracy in the keeping of church records, and making the annual returns of membership.

Voted, To commit the archives of the Association to the care of Rev. Drs. Young, Bouton, and Stone, with the request that they recommend, at the next annual meeting, what disposition should be made of them.

The Business Committee reported an overture from the Belknap Association, asking for a change in the Constitution, enlarging the basis of representation, and making members of local associations corresponding members.

The committee recommended that these papers, and the general subject of improvements in the Constitution and exercises of this Association, be referred to a committee of three, to report at the next annual meeting. Adopted.

Chose Revs. J. W. Chickering, E. G. Parsons, and P. B. Day, as such committee.

The Nominating Committee recommended Keene 1st Church, as the place for the next annual meeting. Preacher of Communion Sermon, Rev. L. Z. Ferris, of Pittsfield, *Primary;* Rev. Hiram Mead, of Nashua, *Substitute.* Adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Gave place to the Anniversary of the New-Hampshire Education Society.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Asa Mann, of Bath.

The report of the directors was read, and, on motion of Rev. Dr. Tobey, of Durham, voted that it be accepted and printed with the Minutes. He supported his motion with an address.

Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, a trustee, spoke of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

Association resumed business, and Rev. Mr. Parsons, of Derry, submitted resolutions suggested by the approaching Centennial of Dartmouth College, which, after considerable discussion, were adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Association of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches of New-Hampshire, congratulates the Trustees and Alumni of Dartmouth College, and all the friends of sound and elegant learning, upon the

approaching Centennial Anniversary of that ancient and honored institution. Born and cradled in the forming period of our state and nation, this seat of learning has, in all its history, exerted a grand and effective influence in molding aright the character of our people, in establishing and maintaining the beneficent civil and religious institutions which are the glory of the nation and the age. We gratefully renew the expression of our admiration and affection, and do pledge ourselves to do what in us lies, to add to the materials for enlarged usefulness, which the later years are giving so generously to this beloved College.

Resolved, That we urgently recommend to the ministers and members of our churches, that they complete, in their several County Conferences, the Scholarships proposed for the College, and that they signalize the Centennial Year by the contribution of $50,000 more.

Proceeded to the discussion of the following question: How shall the New-Hampshire Sabbath School Union be made a means of actual benefit and of needed progress in the cause of Sabbath School instruction.

The discussion was opened by Rev. R. M. Sargent, of Farmington, followed by Rev. Dr. Day, of Hollis, Rev. George Darling, of Hudson, Ohio, Rev. Asa Bullard, and Rev. Dr. Bouton.

After the singing of a hymn, the following question was discussed: By what means can the churches exert a more efficient influence in the cause of temperance?

Opened by Edward A. Aiken, M. D., of Amherst, followed by Rev. Dr. Wallace, and Rev. Lewis Grout.

Voted, That the third question be taken up in the prayer meeting to-morrow morning.

The discussion of the temperance question led to the introduction of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we hereby most solemnly reaffirm our settled conviction that total abstinence is the only true temperance, and legal prohibition the only practical means of suppressing the liquor traffic and its attendant evils.

Adopted.

Rev. J. H. Stearns, and Rev. Geo. B. Safford, were appointed to officiate at the communion table to-morrow afternoon.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, August 27.

Prayer meeting at the First Church, at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D.

Minutes were read and approved.

Voted, That the article in the Constitution in respect to Sabbath School Union be referred to the committee chosen to recommend improvements.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted.

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

To the General Conference of Maine:

Prof. William A. Packard, Hanover, *Primary;* Rev. V. J. Hartshorne, Enfield, *Substitute.*

To the Methodist Episcopal Conference of New-Hampshire:

Rev. Elijah Harmon, Winchester, *Primary;* Rev. S. H. Amsden, Alstead, *Substitute.*

To the Baptist Convention of New-Hampshire:

Rev. William J. Tucker, Manchester, *Primary;* Rev. Arthur Little, Bedford, *Substitute.*

To the Free-will Baptist Yearly Meeting:

Rev. L. Z. Ferris, Pittsfield, *Primary;* Rev. Wm. O. Carr, Barnstead Parade, *Substitute.*

To the General Convention of Vermont:

Rev. Quincy Blakely, Campton, *Primary;* Rev. Harvey M. Stone, Laconia, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Massachusetts:

Rev. Rufus Case, Jaffrey, *Primary;* Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Rhode-Island:

Rev. Hiram Mead, Nashua, *Primary;* Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, Nashua, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Connecticut:

Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, *Primary;* Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, Henniker, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of New-York:

Rev. Edward W. Clark, Claremont, *Primary;* Rev. Charles A. Downs, Lebanon, *Substitute.*

To the General Conference of Ohio:

Rev. L. M. Stowe, Sullivan, *Primary;* Rev. Tho's E. Roberts, Swanzey, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Michigan:

Rev. A. C. Field, New Alstead, *Primary;* Rev. Horace Wood, Gilsum, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Indiana:

Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth, *Primary;* Rev. Jacob Chapman, Deerfield, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Illinois:

Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Kensington, *Primary;* Rev. J. W. Chickering, Jr., Exeter, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Wisconsin:

Rev. Moses T. Runnells, Sanbornton, *Primary;* Rev. James C. Seagrave, Wentworth, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Iowa:

Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., Hollis, *Primary;* Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Minnesota:

Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville, *Primary;* Rev. Smith Norton, East Concord, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Missouri:

Rev. Benjamin Merrill, Pembroke, *Primary;* Rev. George I. Bard, Dunbarton, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Kansas:

Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Tamworth, *Primary;* Rev. Reuben Kimball, North Conway, *Substitute.*

To the General Association of Nebraska:

Rev. George F. Merriam, Mason, *Primary;* Rev. George Goodyear, Temple, *Substitute.*

To the General Associations of California and Oregon:

Rev. J. L. Tomlinson, Chester, *Primary;* Rev. Jesse Page, Atkinson, *Substitute.*

To the Congregational Union of Canada:

Rev. Asa Mann, Bath, *Primary;* Rev. Edward H. Greely, Haverhill, *Substitute.*

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, N. Y.:
Rev. J. S. Batchelder, Hinsdale, *Primary;* Rev. William L. Karr, Keene, *Substitute.*

Rev. J. G. Davis, D. D., having resigned the office of Secretary, the following minute was ordered: The General Association of New-Hampshire, in reluctantly accepting the resignation of Rev. Dr. Davis, who for ten years has filled the offices of Statistical Secretary and Secretary of this body, desire to tender to him their hearty thanks, and to put on record an acknowledgment of the eminent ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of those difficult positions.

Rev. George M. A. Adams was elected Secretary.

Bro. L. D. Osborne, of Keene, was chosen Auditor.

The following minute was ordered: The members of the General Association of New-Hampshire return their cordial thanks to the Committee of Entertainment for their assiduous attentions; to the North and South Congregational Societies for their generous hospitalities; to the Choir of the North Church for their aid in the service of song; and to the Railroad authorities for the reduction of fares.

At 10 o'clock, Association gave way to the annual meeting of the New-Hampshire Missionary Society.

Having resumed session, voted to adjourn at the close of sacramental services in the afternoon.

THURSDAY P. M.

After the closing sermon by Rev. G. M. Adams, from John 13 : 1, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The Association adjourned *sine die.*

E. A. LAWRENCE, *Moderator.*

E. B. CLAGGETT, *Scribe.*
H. A. HAZEN, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

You wish for no preface to the narrative we have to give; you wait for the facts we have gathered from the reports which have come to us from the Conferences represented in this body — facts which we have arranged as well as time and circumstances would permit, and now lay before you, to a great extent in the language of the reports in which they have come to us, following the order of the narrative of the last year. We go up on the western side of the State, come down upon the eastern side, and end with the Conference "which lies in the heart of the Commonwealth."

Cheshire Conference. Of the twenty-six churches composing this Conference, eight have pastors; and twelve or thirteen stated supplies. October 15th, the Second Church in Keene was organized with one hundred and twenty-one members, who had been dismissed from the First Church. Rev. Mr. Leach, having ceased to be associate pastor of the First Church, became acting pastor of the new church.

On the 9th of July, Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., was dismissed from the pastorate of the First Church in Keene, an office which he had held with great honor and usefulness for fifty years, and Rev. W. L. Karr was installed in his place.

Rev. Mr. Hasmore has been installed as pastor of the church in Winchester.

About a year ago the house of worship in New Alstead was re-dedicated, and Rev. S. H. Amsden installed as pastor of the church.

Rev. Mr. Gaylord has been called from the pastorate of the church in Fitzwilliam to that of Pearl St. Church in Nashua.

The pastor of the church in Marlborough, in consequence of enfeebled health, will discontinue his labors as soon as the church secures a man to take his place.

No extensive work of grace has blessed, during the past year, any church belonging to this Conference. The dew, if not the rain, of the Spirit, has, however, fallen upon some places. Two churches report, each nine hopeful conversions; another church reports six conversions; the report from another is that "several have experienced hope and united with the church;" another reports the establishment of "a young people's inquiry meeting, which promises good;" a number report congregations and Sabbath schools as having

increase, or as increasing, and one "large contributions to objects of benevolence. And yet from one place the report is, "the church is in a lukewarm state;" from another, "no interest;" from another, "nothing of special interest in the church or among the people;" from another, "congregation very small, and Sabbath school small. One speaks of "things that discourage;" and another of "difficulties to be overcome." And so in this, as in every other Conference, the strong and the feeble—those who labor, stimulated and encouraged by what they see as fruit of their labors, and those whom lack of success does not dishearten—meet together.

Sullivan Conference. Of the thirteen churches composing this Conference, more than half are feeble. Three have no stated preaching. Three have settled pastors, and seven acting pastors.

Meriden has received a pastor during the year—Rev. E. P. Abbott.

Mr. Scott, lately graduated at Andover, Mass., is preaching at Newport with great acceptance. The Society there are frescoing their church and putting in circular pews, and a twenty-seven hundred dollar organ. Claremont Church also rejoices in the prospect of a new organ. The Society in Langdon has been renovating their church and parsonage. Such signs of waking up in these and in other societies are noticed with pleasure. An active, liberal policy, is much needed in our churches.

Acworth, Meriden, and Newport, have enjoyed some revival interest during the year. There have been some twelve or fifteen conversions at Newport, and as many at Meriden.

Some of the Sabbath schools connected with the Conference are quite flourishing, and some very feeble. The cause of temperance is about as last year, no advance in particular having been made. The law and the officers of the law are not supported by the people as they should be. The low state of business has shown itself in diminished contributions to benevolent objects.

Grafton Conference. Three pastors have been dismissed, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., from the church in Lyme, after a successful pastorate of 35 years. His people showed their appreciation of his faithful services by a generous pecuniary offering. Rev. J. D. Emerson, from the church in Haverhill, after a pastorate of nine years. He is now pastor of a church in Biddeford, Me. More recently Rev. Henry A. Hazen has been dismissed from the church in Plymouth, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the church in Lyme.

The church in Canaan have secured the services of Mr. J. H. O'Brien. A Free-will Baptist minister is preaching to the church in Hill. The churches in Bridgewater, Dorchester, and

Thornton, remain as they have been for several years past, with only a nominal existence.

There has been no general and marked religious interest in any congregation. Seventy-four have been added to the churches, 14 of them to the church in Lyme, as the result of the revival a year ago. But while the additions to the churches have been less than the last year, the removals have been larger—115 in all. Two churches report, each 15 removals; one 12, and two 11 each. Forty-seven baptisms are reported—twenty-five of infants.

The interest in Sabbath schools continues without abatement—in some places is increasing. The Sabbath school concert is generally observed.

The "week of prayer" was observed by many of the churches with interest and spiritual gain.

There has been no loss of interest and zeal in the temperance cause, and more would be far better than less.

The church in Danbury are paying a debt on the parsonage and repairing their house of worship.

The church in Hanover (Dartmouth College), and the church in Wentworth, have also repaired and improved (the latter remodeled) their church buildings.

Coos Conference. Eight churches, four of which have enjoyed the preaching of the gospel through the year. No general revival in any place, but most of the churches report a few conversions and a few additions. At West Stewartstown a student from Amherst College labored for nine weeks in the winter. A good degree of interest was manifested, and there were three or four cases of hopeful conversion. Mr. C. M. Terry, from Union Theological Seminary, has been laboring, during the summer, in Bethlehem and Franconia, with hopeful indications. In Littleton special interest was manifested during the "week of prayer," but was hindered and mostly dissipated by intense political excitement.

Strafford Conference. Two churches have been organized during the year, one at Barnstead Parade, and one of fifteen members in Lee. Four churches—the Belknap church in Dover, the churches in Rochester, Laconia, and Sanbornton—have received pastors. Rev. Mr. Holmes, who had preached on alternate Sabbaths at Sandwich and North Sandwich, now confines his labors to the North church. Rev. Charles Willey has left Center-Harbor for another field of labor in the State.

Most of the churches report external prosperity. The territory connected with the church formed at Barnstead Parade is quite small, and yet more has been raised for the institutions of religion than was formerly raised by the whole town, and the average attendance upon the Sabbath meetings

has greatly increased. The house of worship has been repaired and refitted, and a fine bell purchased, at an expense of $550.

The church in Farmington is rejoicing in the prospect of soon having a new, commodious and pleasantly located house of worship. One hundred dollars has been added to the salary of the pastor. The congregation larger than ever before. The church in Barrington has received a legacy of one thousand dollars.

The Sabbath schools are, most of them, as large certainly, and as efficient as a year ago. Some of them have greatly increased in numbers. Special mention is made of the Belknap Sabbath school in Dover, the schools in Durham and Farmington. Thirty persons, most of them adults, became members of the school in Durham on one Sabbath. But while most of the churches at least hold their own—if they are not gaining in numbers and strength—a few have been greatly blessed, enlarged and strengthened. The pastor of the church in Durham, in September last, resigned his pastorate, assigning as his reasons, that some of the people desired a change; that it might be for the interest of the church and society to make the effort necessary to secure a minister that would satisfy them; and that his salary did not more than half pay his current expenses. At the same time he preached a sermon on ministerial support, stating what the people would probably have to do in securing a new minister. Upon the pastor's return to the place, after an absence of a few weeks, a committee waited upon him, saying in substance, that the subject of his resignation had been considered; no new cases of dissatisfaction had come to their knowledge; that a new subscription paper had been circulated, and his salary doubled, and finally they had come to the conclusion that they should not find a new man that would unite the people any better than their present pastor. The pastor withdrew his resignation. In November a series of meetings commenced, continuing about three weeks. The members of the church were awakened to higher and better views of christian life, and not a few souls, a large part of them adults, were led to choose Christ as their portion. The congregation has been increased about one half, and the Sabbath school one third, and things are proportionately better in other directions.

In Milton, also, there has been a precious and powerful work of grace. The whole community were moved, and skeptics asked, "What does this mean?" The Congregational church, and also the Free-will Baptist, have been much enlarged and strengthened. Some other churches speak of more than usual religious interest, and rejoice over souls that have been born again. But all the churches have not held their own; not a few are feeble, and some are declining in numbers and pecuniary

ability. One town, in which there was once a flourishing church, is spoken of as "a moral desolation."

Rockingham Conference. Thirty-one churches. First of all is recognized, with joy and gratitude, the presence of the Spirit of God in the church in Raymond. The interest commenced with "the week of prayer," and had not ceased at the time of the meeting of the Conference. Twenty-three, nineteen by profession, have been added to the church, of whom several are heads of families, and two among the most active business men of the town. Thirty or more are rejoicing in hope.

Portsmouth reports a season of gentle interest. The efforts of the young men in the Receiving Ship in the harbor are producing happy results.

North-Hampton has been somewhat favored of the Spirit, and some seven or eight, it is hoped, have given themselves to the Lord.

The churches in Exeter, Epping, and Hampstead, report additions, and a number of the churches report cases of conversion.

The church in Kingston has received a pastor, and repaired the church and parsonage.

The society at Hampton-Falls has remodeled the interior of their church edifice at an expense of two thousand dollars.

Stratham has dismissed its pastor.

The church at South-Newmarket, for a time without the preached word, has obtained the services of Rev. Mr. Otis.

Rev. Giles Leach has assumed the care of the church in Rye.

The Conference welcomes a new member in the church of South Seabrook, numbering twenty-eight. In this place, of one hundred and twenty families, where the state of religion was deplorably low, gratifying evidence of a genuine and permanent work of grace has been witnessed, and there is promise, which the churches hail with joy, that an old waste will be built. A free church building, for which twenty-six hundred dollars have been subscribed outside the place, it is hoped will be finished before winter.

Some of the churches report flourishing Sabbath schools.

In the temperance reform, while the laborers in some places are making good progress, in Portsmouth and some other places they find special discouragements.

There has been a gratifying increase in the contributions by some of the churches to causes of benevolence.

Hillsborough Conference. The report for this conference, a model of its kind, very full and well arranged, gives ample proof that as regards the external material interests of the churches, the past year has been one of a good measure of prosperity. Only a part of the facts given can we present. The Franklin Street Society, in Manchester, has improved its

condition by payment of debt of $7000, under the shadow of which it had been living for years. The Hanover Street people have repaired their house of worship, and, not satisfied with what they have already done and are always doing for their beloved pastor, have again raised his salary, so that "he now presents the rare spectacle of a minister who has salary enough." Repairs, varying in expense from $500 to over $2000, have been made upon the Pearl Street Church in Nashua, and the houses of worship in Bedford, Goffstown, Greenfield, Hollis, Milford, New-Boston and Temple. Commodious chapels or vestries have been, or are soon to be built in Francestown, Hillsborough Bridge, Nashua, by the First Society, New-Ipswich and Wilton. An organ has been placed in the church in Milford, and in the church in New-Ipswich, and the salary of the pastor of the church in Peterborough has been increased to $1000. Here, surely, are evidences of external prosperity. The churches in Antrim, Goffstown, Bennington, Litchfield, Merrimack and Milford, the First Church in Nashua, are without pastors. Pastors have been installed over the Olive Street and the Pearl Street churches in Nashua, and the church in New-Ipswich. Rev. Dr. Keeler, from Maine, has become acting pastor of the church in Mont-Vernon.

There are feeble Churches in this Conference, but we find in the conference report evidence of a good deal of life and vigor in some of them. A legacy, received by the church in Litchfield, will enable it to dispense with aid from the Missionary Society.

The attendance upon the Sabbath, and prayer meetings, would seem to have increased—in some places greatly. And yet what has been ascertained to be true with regard to one of the towns of the county—that first on the list alphabetically, and, it might almost be said, in point of privilege—it is to be feared is true of all the other towns, that about one third of the population live in neglect of public worship. As regards good order, temperance, thoughtfulness on the subject of religion, christian culture and growth, the reports from the churches of this conference indicate no deterioration, but rather the existence of a higher, better, more earnest tone of piety than in some former years.

From no one of the thirty-five churches, it is said, does there come a report of a deep, thorough, pervading work of the spirit, such as most of them have known in years that are gone; and yet, quite a number report cases of conversion: one, the church in New-Ipswich, about thirty, and many of the churches would seem to have been revived if not enlarged.

Merrimack Conference. Rev. Dr. Bouton, after a pastorate most honorable to himself and the church, of over forty years, has been succeeded, as pastor of the First Church in Concord,

by Rev. F. D. Ayer. May his pastorate be as long and as fruitful of good as was that of his predecessor!

Rev. Dr. Young has become acting pastor of the church in Hopkinton, and Rev. J. B. Cook of the church in Salisbury, in place of Rev. U. W. Condit.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, after a pastorate of more than seventeen years, in consequence of ill health, has felt compelled to resign his position as pastor of the church in Henniker, and has been released from service there.

The membership of the churches of this Conference would seem to be about the same as last year, the deaths and dismissions having been about equal to the additions. The interest in the cause of christian benevolence appears, on the whole, to be advancing. The cause of temperance, except in a few instances, apparently is not receiving much attention—not that attention certainly which it should receive, in view of the increase of intemperance in the land.

A good report comes from many societies with regard to the number attending public worship, while from other places the report is of the opposite character. In the Sabbath Schools the interest would seem to be advancing. This is noted as an encouraging fact. From one place the report is that seven tenths of the congregation belong to the Sabbath School, and that of one class of young ladies all but one have united with the church, the result of personal and constant labor by the teacher.

Revivals of religion of considerable interest and power have been enjoyed in Canterbury, Pembroke, and at Sanbornton Bridge. In Pembroke the spirit began his awakening and converting work among the young people in the academy, twenty-four of whom came to the inquiry meeting at one time.

Such is the account, brief and very imperfect, of the condition of Congregational and Presbyterian churches of this State. What would He say of them "who holdeth the stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks?" Very different in many respects, probably, would his report be from the one we bring. Many a church, that we would call a prosperous church, He perhaps would pronounce "poor," and of this and that church of which we speak as having "little strength," He would say perhaps, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." What report have *we* to give of the churches? Let every minister and every church member ask, rather, "what would He say of the churches and of 'the angels,' or ministers of the churches?"

Incomplete and imperfect as the narrative we have given may be, we surely shall find that which should fill our hearts with emotions of gratitude and our mouths with praise.

These churches have not existed—these ministers and sabbath school teachers and christians—have not labored in vain. Good has been accomplished, more than we can see, more than we can tell.

But find we not reason for humiliation? So many churches and church members, so many ministers of the gospel, so many sabbath schools and sabbath school teachers, so many pastors, who have covenanted with God to train their children for Him; so many promises "exceedingly large and precious," all fitted to encourage hope and stimulate to labor, the Holy Spirit waiting for the prayer to which he is promised, to come and "establish the work of our hands." Surely we ought to be able to tell of more work done for Christ, of more inroads made upon the kingdom of darkness, of more souls brought, given, and consecrated to Christ, of more, a great deal more, given, that "His way may be known on earth, His saving health among all nations;" of more, many more, churches greatly revived, enlarged, and strengthened.

Listen! Hear we not Him, in whom is the strength of every church and of every christian, saying to these churches and those who minister to them, as they enter upon another year of labor, trial, and changes, "*The Lord is with you while ye be with Him?*"

JOSEPH BLAKE,
H. A. HAZEN.

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Samuel Kingsbury died in Tamworth, November 8, 1867, aged 69 years, 5 months, and 20 days. He was born in Franklin, Mass., May 18, 1798. He graduated at Brown University in 1822, and at Andover Theological Seminary, 1825. Mr. Kingsbury was a sound and accurate scholar, and was highly esteemed by his classmates. He was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Andover, N. H., January 14, 1829. He was dismissed from Andover, January 11, 1831, and installed in Jamaica, Vt., May 19, 1831. His pastorate in Jamaica was also short, but was greatly blessed. A powerful revival accompanied his labors, bringing converts into the church, of all ages, from eleven to eighty years, and during his ministry of about two years, there were accessions to the church at every communion season. He was dismissed from Jamaica, March 5, 1833. He was installed again in Warwick,

Mass., November 6, 1833, where he remained until June 30, 1835. After his dismission from Warwick, he did not again take a pastorate charge, though returning to Vermont, he supplied, alternately, during the following winter and spring, the parishes of Worcester and Middlesex, and, for three years, was acting pastor of the church in Underhill. He then taught the Academy in Jericho a year and a half, after which he resumed ministerial labor, as acting pastor, for one year, (1841) in Thornton, this State. But his health failing, he was constrained to relinquish the active labors of the ministry, and retired, with a family of five sons and a daughter, to a farm in Tamworth, where he spent the remainder of his days.

Although thus disenabled to pursue his chosen work, Mr. Kingsbury never could be said to have demitted the sacred office. He maintained ministerial intercourse with his brethren in their associational and ecclesiastical meetings, greatly loved their society and shared their sincere affection and esteem. He was a most valued and useful member of the church in Tamworth, and ever the confiding friend of its pastor, for the time being, to whom, with rare meekness of wisdom, he gave his unqualified moral support.

Mr. Kingsbury was greatly blessed in his family. Two of his sons, having graduated at Dartmouth College and at the Theological Seminaries, respectively, of Andover and Princeton, were in the pastoral charge of Congregational churches in New-England, before his death. Two other sons, of piety and promise, periled and lost their lives in the volunteer service of their country in the war of the rebellion. The youngest remains at home, the stay of his widowed mother.

"He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost," and the blessings of the covenant were upon his house.

Rev. JOHN WILDE, born in Dorchester, Mass., 1803; graduated at Middlebury in 1827; at Andover in 1831; settled in Grafton, Mass., in 1832; in Conway, this State, in 1839; in West Falmouth, Me., 1845; in Topsham, Me., 1853; a teacher in Brunswick, Me., several years; afterward, in the State of New-York. Died in Alexandria, Va., Feb. 10, 1868, aged 65.

Mr. Wilde was not an ordinary man; though diffident and self-distrustful, not courting but shrinking from public observation, he was not extensively known. Says one who knew him well: "He had grasp of intellect and imagination, and great resources of mind and heart. He read largely, and thought profoundly. He excelled as a classical scholar, and often exhibited great power in the pulpit. His aspirations were lofty; his nature truly noble. But his sensibilities, at all times keen, were sometimes morbid, perhaps. Moods and depressions, to which he was subject, affected injuriously, at times, probably, his usefulness, as they certainly did his happiness.

In the horizon of the heart's memories and affections of those who knew him most intimately, a star of *occasional* but eminent luster has set. For there was a natural splendor in his mental and moral endowments. It is pleasant to know that this splendor was undimmed in his last days. He suffered intensely, but with great patience and fortitude. He had through life a great fear of death; but could now speak of dying with a smile even." "The good shepherd" was with him; "his rod and staff they comforted him." "Jesus, Jesus," he exclaimed before his departure, "I want to think of nothing but Jesus! He is my trust, my comfort, my all!"

Rev. ALVAH SPAULDING, who died at Weathersfield, Vt., on the 11th of May, labored as a minister of Christ for twenty-nine years at Cornish, in this State, where his body now sleeps in hope of a glorious resurrection. His death was very sudden and unexpected. On the 10th of May he preached all day to his people. Monday, the 11th, he worked all day in his garden, took supper with his family, and went to bed, seemingly as well as usual, at 9 o'clock. About midnight he awoke to hear the cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," and in a brief half hour "the last of earth" had come to him. Montgomery's hymn, commencing "Servant of God, well done!" was most appropriately sung at the funeral.

Rev. ENOCH CORSER died at Boscawen, June 17, 1868, aged 81. His funeral was attended on the 19th. Most of the ministers of the Hopkinton Association were present. Rev. Dr. Bouton, of Concord, preached from 2 Tim. 4:6–8. Mr. Corser was of Scotch descent, son of David Corser, who, with his father, came from Newbury, Ms., and settled in the western part of Boscawen, on what is called "Corser Hill." He was born January 2, 1787. At the age of 17 he united with the church, under the late Rev. Dr. Wood, of Boscawen, with whom he fitted for college; graduated at Middlebury, Vt., 1811; read Divinity with the late Dr. Walter Harris, of Dunbarton; was ordained and settled in the ministry, over the Congregational church in Loudon, N. H., in March. 1817. There, in a pastorate of twenty years, his labors were greatly blessed. Several powerful revivals of religion were enjoyed, and many added to the church. Mr. Corser's salary at settlement was $400, but he relinquished $100 in consideration of the feebleness of the society. On account of difficulties arising in the parish, he was dismissed, by advice of council, in 1837. During the period of protracted meetings, in 1831–36, he preached with great power and success in most of the towns in the vicinity of Loudon. His labors in Deerfield will long be remembered. From 1838 to 1843, he supplied the church at Northfield and Sanbornton Bridge, in which time about 75 were added. A

'ear and a half he preached at Plymouth, and afterward, in 845, he supplied the church in Epping, about two years.

Mr. Corser was a man of large physical frame, vigorous ıealth, and strong powers of mind; his emotions, when ex-ited, gave him great power in the pulpit. He was firm in he Calvinistic view of doctrines of the Gospel, and preached hem frequently and earnestly. He rarely wrote his sermons. n prayer he was copious and often lengthy. His conversa-ion was entertaining and instructive. His last years were pent in quiet retirement, useful and happy, and as he had ived, so he died in the faith of Christ and in the hope of rest vith him in Heaven. He leaves a son and two daughters.

Mrs. E. T. Leach, wife of Rev. G. Leach, died in Rye, June 6, aged 59. She was a native of Heath, Mass. Was a pupil uccessively of Miss Lyon and Miss Hazeltine. Became a dis-iple of the Great Teacher when thirteen years of age, under he influence of whose example, teachings, and grace, was ormed a remarkably symmetrical christian character, into whose disinterested and self-sacrificing spirit she largely drank. She was a light and blessing in her home; a true helper of her ıusband in his ministerial labors. A clergyman who knew ıer well, says, "I think in very many respects she was a nodel minister's wife." And a sister of the church, with which she was connected the last thirteen years, says, "Many pleasant hours I have spent with her; and I never parted rom her without feeling happier, and that I ought to be better."

Died in Campton, June 20th, 1868, Mrs. Louisa C. Hadley. Mrs. Hadley was born in Amherst, Mass., June 28, 1811. A child of the covenant, she gave herself to the Saviour and the church, at the age of fifteen or sixteen. She was educated at the Ipswich Seminary, Mass., under those distinguished teach-ers, Miss Grant (now Mrs. Banister) and Miss Lyon. In 1838, she became the wife of Rev. James B. Hadley, then pastor of a church in Amesbury, Mass. Entering upon her new duties, she wrote in her diary: "God, in his providence, has removed me from the home of my childhood and the scenes of my youth, and placed me in a sphere altogether *new* and full of *responsibility*. Now I think, if I know my own heart, I do sin-cerely desire to spend and be spent in the service of my Lord and redeemer." This desire she never lost; it grew stronger, rather, from year to year. In all the places in which she re-sided as a pastor's wife, Amesbury, Mass., Standish, Me., and Campton, in this State, she is remembered as one "who re-joiced that it was given her in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to work and deny herself for his sake." Not a few souls have been given to her prayers and efforts, by writing to and conversing with them, to draw them to Christ.

Never strong, for the last five years of her life she was a great sufferer; for the last two or three years, perfectly blind. But from day to day, through these years of suffering, her language was, "How good the Lord is, how much we have to be thankful for." During no period of her life, probably, did she more for the cause she loved, so honor Christ, and recommend religion to others. Her christian character appeared more and more beautiful, as she neared her heavenly home. "I feel," she one evening remarked to her husband, "that I am standing on the bank of a river, beyond which all is light, and that Christ is beckoning me to come over. I never thought I should see death in this light. I have no fear of death."

Mr. George H. Kimball, died in Cambridgeport, Ms., March 26, 1868, aged nearly 29 years. Some of the facts of this young brother's life entitle him to rememberance in this record. Born in Gilmanton, and uniting with the church there at the age of 15 years, he early felt a strong desire to fit himself for the ministry. Failing health, however, did not permit him to pursue his studies in college, but, with returning strength, while engaged in business in Boston, he still pursued Greek studies, and improved all opportunities to prepare himself for the still hoped for privilege of preaching Christ. In October, 1865, he entered Bangor Seminary, and pursued theological studies there for two years; at the same time teaching, working in Sabbath Schools, and preaching thirty times in his first year. He undoubtedly went beyond his strength, working so earnestly and joyously that he did not seem to realize that he was not able to go through every thing. In November last he entered Yale Seminary, but after a few weeks there he returned home to die. The master had other service for him than that which he so longed for here. His end was peace and joy in his Saviour.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Churches represented by the N. H. General Association:

Dear Brethren: When our forefathers reëstablished the independent church of Apostolic times, they did it with a chief reference to religious freedom. It was secured to a later day, even our own, to discern that the pattern of Church-order, given in the New Testament, is also most effective for the

evangelization of the communities in which it is followed. Many, no doubt, in all denominations, have accomplished much, hitherto, by the efficient working of the local church; but our times have been the first to recognize the exceeding importance to the Divine Kingdom, of labors conducted in city, town, village, or hamlet, under no grander auspices than those of the humble body of believers within its borders.

The ages of men are naturally fixed on great movements, societies, institutions. And these have done, both in our own land and in other lands, and are yet doing, most important work; it is impossible to see how their services can be dispensed with. But they do not occupy the chief place in "the Divine order." God works, universally, through the individual christian and the local church. It is to them that the Divine blessing is especially promised; not to organizations that overarch a continent and compel attention by the magnitude of their operations, and, too often, alas! by their dissensions also. And as nothing, it has frequently been observed, is so strong, so durable, so hard to destroy as the local church, so nothing, we begin to perceive, is so effective.

Permit us, then, brethren, to urge upon you the cultivation of right sentiments toward the specific church with which you are connected. Prize it, cherish it, love it. Is it small, obscure, uninfluential? Do its obvious imperfections tempt you to fix your gaze rather on the church universal, whose short-comings do not thrust themselves so plainly upon your notice? Remember that it was of such that Christendom was first composed; that the churches which Paul planted and Apollos watered—the churches to which Paul and Barnabas ministered—the churches to which the Apostle to the Gentiles addressed with so much respect and affection, were such as yours. Small and unnoted by the great world, many if not most of them containing members glaringly defective in the christian temper. Yes, it was to such that He "who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks" sent words so full of love, even when accompanied by rebuke. We repeat, then, brethren prize your church.

Not that we would have you indifferent to the denomination of which it is a member, nor to the great body of Christ's churches throughout the world. So far from this, the labors for it and with it of which we are yet to speak, will bind you the more closely to them; and will, perhaps, do more than any thing else to save you from the pernicious influence of sectarianism. But we would urge you to catch the spirit of the New Testament; in this respect we would urge you to ponder its leaves as conveyed in the Acts of the Apostles and elsewhere, until you rightly estimate the local church with which God has cast your lot.

But now let us come at once to that which we have especially in mind at this time—labor by the local church for the irreligious world around it. It is evident that there is a work to be done, a work for our country and our Saviour which we have hardly begun to touch. The minds of thoughtful men are turned more and more to the multitudes of our population who exercise all the rights of citizenship and yet are not at all imbued with those fundamental principles of godliness and morality on which our National Institutions rest; the minds of christian men are turned more and more to the same and still greater multitudes who are living and dying without making any voluntary contribution to God's glory and without any good hope of eternal life. Not only our large but our smaller places abound in those who have no interest either in christian institutions or in christian truth. How shall they be reached? How shall they be brought under the power of the reforming and elevating principles of the Gospel? still more, how shall they be *saved?*

It is clear that the pulpit can not reach them, for they will not come within its reach. It is clear that the occupant of the pulpit can do comparatively little for them, for what is one man, however great his strength and ardent his zeal, among so many? Plainly, they can be benefited only as Christ's people go to them with the gospel. They are committed to the local church—to the sympathies and prayers and the labors of the local church. Nothing else will ever save them. It is to it that they make their appeal—what say we? they do *not* make an appeal; this is the great discouragement in their case that they are so utterly indifferent to the gospel, if they do not positively rejoice in their freedom from disturbance by it. But *Christ* makes an appeal for them; to the local church, *he* who himself came to seek and to save that which was lost, calls in behalf of these lost sheep.

And this is just what you yourselves need, brethren, even such labors as these. The numbers of many of our churches are falling off through death and removal; you need to *recruit* from the world around you. Without such recruiting, the death of your church is inevitable, and, it may be, speedy. Is it too much to say that you have no right to let it die on your hands? May you not presume that the same holy spirit who converted *you* is ready to bless your efforts? Certainly the same Saviour's love is to be presented as moved *your* hearts. Brethren, be not unfaithful to your trust! And in *other* cases, among our stronger churches, there is need of such work for the sake of the church itself. Not only does it require more members—how many churches, for want of them, are living at a poor, dying rate!—but those that it has, require activity for the development of their christian character. Many of our

church members are languishing from a moral dyspepsia; they need exercise! Go forth, brethren, go forth, and what your hands find to do, do with your might.

Nor let our feeble churches, or individual members of any of our churches, plead the poverty of their gifts, intellectual or otherwise, in excuse for their neglect. Remember, brethren, that our Lord, in rebuking indolence, took as an example of it, on one occasion, the servant as poorly endowed as his fellow servants, and, on another, the servant *most* poorly endowed. It was he that had received but one talent, while his comrades had received five and two talents respectively, that the Master selected to represent unprofitable servants in his kingdom. *Matt.* 25 : 14–30.

But what shall we do, then, do you ask? *Put that question*, we reply, *to the Head of the Church.* Go to him in earnest prayer and ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do?—*us*—of this particular church." There is much in the mere offering of such a petition when offered aright. What is involved in it, must be thought of, and *meant;* that is, self-consecration; a willingness to do what God may indicate, is implied in the prayer when genuine. And such a prayer will bring down blessings of many kinds, and it will bring an answer. What that answer will be in each specific case, of course it is not for us to anticipate. In many cases, it will point, we may suppose, to a revival of interest in the Sabbath School; in others, to meetings conducted by the brethren in school-houses and distant neigbborhoods; in others still, to some system of visitation; and in still others, to all of these. In every case, we can not doubt, that the prayer, if deserving of the name of prayer, will be heard, and that in God's own time, which is the best time, the answer will be plain. If Paul is bidden, in reply to his petition, to go into Damascus, there it is shown him what the Lord will have him to do, and he can have no doubt of the Lord's meaning. *Acts* 22 : 10, 14, 15.

Assuredly, brethren, *something* should be done. Our churches, as a whole, did not gain at all last year—the year ending July 1, 1867, we mean—but sustained a slight loss! It is true that one hundred and eighty-six more were dismissed than were received by letter; but certainly one hundred and eighty-eight churches should gain from the world enough to overcome this difference, even when swelled by thirty excommunications. And in any event the fact *remains*, a fact none the less painful, surely, because there might have been a slight net increase, if so many had not been excommunicated! The fact remains. And the report for the preceding year was no better. And we fear that the returns for the year just closed will show no material change. How long shall this go on? Brethren of the ministry! are you "seeking for souls?" Have you (in

another's words), have you such a "sense of your divine work as takes away all hankering after self-devised missions; as preserves you from the indolence and loss of studious habits, which threaten the ruin of so many; as saves you from the petty ambitions which are fatal in so many cases; as preserves you from that silence of indifference in your intercourse with your people which is leaving them to hurry in their own unhindered way to perdition; as transforms your whole pastoral work into what it should be, "*a seeking for souls?*" Brethren of the church! are you doing *your* part faithfully—using the functions of the local church in the way God made them to be used? "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth!"

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW-HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

In the report presented to this Society at its anniversary in 1864, some anticipations were expressed in relation to the future of our country. The war once happily ended, it was said, "we shall have become a *new* nation, as truly new as when, not quite ninety years ago, we first took a national position. Far more than before shall we be a Democratic Republic; the world will recognize, and we shall recognize in our success, the success of popular institutions. The long battle between the democratic and the oligarchic principles in our land will be over, and the former will assert and evolve its organizing power, as it has not yet been able to do. The results of this none can imagine. History gives no aid. But a new nation will stand upon these shores, of extraordinary vigor and corresponding influence in the world. On the basis of these anticipations, whose reasonableness was universally admitted, an appeal was made for renewed effort in raising a ministry so educated as to do the requisite work among such a people.

But into this "new nation" elements have begun to enter which were scarcely, if at all, noted four years ago. The

wonderful development of the vast region beyond the borders of Nebraska and Kansas, deserves especial notice. As speaker Colfax said, in a speech made during the present month in Denver, itself seven hundred miles west of the Mississippi, and two hundred miles west of Kansas, there is an "immense area stretching from Mexico to British America—a thousand miles, a thousand miles also in width, comprising a million square miles, seamed with gold and silver veins." Across this area a railway is hurrying with a speed which is among the marvels even of this age. And along its line, as elsewhere over that vast surface, thousands of settlers, men of nerve and decision and positive convictions, are choosing their future homes. What must be the influence of this part of our domain upon the rest, even if its population should never be so dense as that of the rest? Comprising one third of our whole country—we are speaking, be it observed, only of the region that lies, mainly, west of the Rocky Mountains—comprising *one third* of our whole country, what must be the influence of this portion of our people upon the remainder a few years hence? It has been said with much truth that America properly begins only with the Alleghanies; that our country east of them is Europe in a modified form. But when that territory beyond not merely the Alleghanies, but beginning twenty-five degrees of longitude still farther west, shall be in measure occupied with a sagacious, peaceful, and organized multitude, what an element will have been cast into the national life! How uncertain its character! How *certain* its malign influence upon all that is valuable and venerable in the land, except as it shall be pervaded, transformed, by the gospel!

For, to mention no other reason, another element, closely connected with the one we have been considering, demands our attention, still more perplexing and still more dangerous. Opposite our Pacific coast—opposite the coast, then, of that very region of which we have just been speaking—stands the greatest of Pagan empires. At least four hundred millions of heathens inhabit China; and these have begun their descent upon that shore. Not more surely (it would seem) did the barbarians come down from the "northern hive" upon Rome, than are the swarms of Sincin moving upon us. On the one side, the western side of the Pacific, a territory covered with people 100 to the square mile—on the other, the eastern side, a territory almost uninhabited—with steam communication between, what more certain than that hundreds of thousands will seek for food and shelter on our soil? and the advance guard is already here. And what more probable than that, with the completion of that road on which so many of them are now engaged, myriads of them will press on to our central,

nay, to our eastern States also, to supply the vast and never satisfied demand for laborers?

What this immigration foreshadows we know not. Possibly the solution of the race question of the South is to be through its instrumentality, and that might be a great blessing. But this we know, that these people are pagans; intelligent, industrious, and enterprising, and, therefore, on *some* accounts, the most dangerous of pagans. Pagan temples may be expected to dot our land, among the rest; pagan morality may be expected to do its part toward poisoning our national wellsprings. And who can begin to imagine the influence of men reared under a thoroughly despotic government and among usages sodden in heathenism upon our American institutions!

Nor is it an entirely unimportant circumstance—on the contrary, the future may reveal a meaning in it altogether beyond our present ken—that these strange people should come from the home of the Buddhist faith at a time when the positive philosophy is securing such a place of power among the educated minds of christendom. The analogy between Buddhism and Positiveism has been traced by some, and it would *seem* to be not fanciful but real. Little as we may now fear from the influence of humble Chinamen in the sphere of religious thought, yet let us remember how little was feared by many or most of us in this specific direction from the Irish or from the Catholic Germans, not many years since. We did not then deem it necessary to study carefully the Romanish theology; popular histories of the Reformation sufficed us. But how different the position occupied by that theology to-day!

And this remark suggests one more element in the "new nation," to be considered. Within the last few years, Romanism has entered upon a career, in our land, of an altogether different character from its previous course here. As many have remarked, it is no longer deprecatory; it is hopeful, nay, confident. It boasts its gains already made; it vaunts still more loudly the victories which a swift future keeps for it. And its appliances are now so complete that, regarded from some points of view, its predictions are not idle. It has even its ally within the Protestant inclosure; for that Ritualism, which is attracting so much attention in our country, as well as in England, is nothing else than this.

And this element of Romanism complicates or aggravates the one last spoken of, as that the preceding. For, among those multitudes of Chinamen to settle on our soil, this false faith will be active. It is preparing for their advent, doubtless; and, saved from the long voyage to remote China, it will use our country to accomplish its purposes upon them. With the "Freedmen," too, it will be busy, making the day of that deliverance to which it contributed nothing, but which, rather,

it delayed as much as it could, the day of their reënslavement to a worse bondage.

Such are some of the elements that have begun to enter into our national life. They awaken the gravest concern in all thoughtful men. They do not, at least they should not, discourage; our God ruleth over all, and is directing all, we may be sure, to the advancement of his kingdom. The grander the strife, the more glorious the victory. If we are to fight with Paganism and Romanism, both, on our soil, so be it. God appoints the battle, not we; and therein is hope. Moreover, we have always expected and intended to fight them *some where;* and it is more convenient for us, and more promising for us, to fight them on our own ground. We have been too tardy in seeking them out; now our Leader suddenly confronts us with them, and bids us defend ourselves as well as assail them—and defend ourselves *by* assailing them here. Amen, Lord God of hosts! And hitherto hast thou helped us! But, if there is hope and if there is privilege for us in these facts, so is there responsibility—which is the other name of privilege. And patriotism has its claims on us, as well as piety. We would have our beloved country pay *willing* tribute to the glory of our God and Saviour; and plainer and plainer does it become that our national institutions need, for an indispensable foundation, the principles of the gospel. No greater slave than they, otherwise. Capable of wonderful efficiency for good; admirably adapted to develop the individual man; excellently fitted for a virtuous people to live under, they *assume* the existence of such a people, and without it there is no greater vanity than they.

It devolves upon us, then, to use with renewed and intensified energy the various agencies for good which God has put into our hands. Among these, is that of raising up a ministry of the gospel; so far, that is, as any part of such a work is man's. Something to this end is doing among us. The American Education Society has already aided nearly 6000 candidates for the ministry, of whom nearly one half are supposed to be now living and in the field. "More than one third of the foreign missionaries now laboring in concert with the American Board, were assisted by it." During the past year it has helped three hundred and thirty-three young men; or forty more than during the preceding year, and eighty more than in the year before that, but nearly forty less than in the year the war began. Of these three hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and forty-seven were students in College; the remainder, nearly two hundred, were students in the Theological Seminary. About one third in each stage were members of institutions outside of New-England; a fact for the most part favorable in its indications. It may properly be added

that the earnings of those assisted amount to a larger sum than that given by the Society.

It only remains to be said that four have been aided in Dartmouth College, and that about $300 have been contributed to the Society within our State—a slight increase on the contributions of recent years.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

August 27, 1868.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

The Annual Meeting of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund was held in Concord on the third day of June, 1868.

The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: namely,

Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., President.
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, Secretary.
Shadrach Seavey, Treasurer.
Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., }
Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, } Executive Committee.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., }
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Auditor.

The donations for the year closing May 31, 1868, have been as follows:

For the Widows' Charitable Fund.

Clergymen in the State,	$14.00
Contributed at the General Association,	5.00
Ladies of Exeter,	23.52
Piscataqua Association,	6.00
Congregational Society, Bath,	8.55
	$57.07

For the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

Congregational Society, Gilmanton Center,	$5.71
" " " Iron Works,	5.00
" " Meredith Village,	34.00
" " Laconia,	29.55
" " Campton,	19.00

Congregational Society,	Hopkinton,	10.00
" "	Gilmanton Iron Works,	2.50
" "	(South) Concord,	31.50
" "	Plymouth,	7.00
" "	Fisherville,	15.50
" "	West Concord,	13.05
" "	West Lebanon,	17.00
" "	Deerfield Center,	4.00
" "	Concord, North,	25.00
" "	Keene, First,	31.00
" "	Hanover,	30.00
Mrs. Lydia Kimball,		1.00
S. Cavis, Esq., Bristol,		5.00
Mrs. A. R. Cass, Bristol,		5.00
Contributed at the General Association,		51.53
Two female friends,		20.00
Sanbornton Bridge,		21.00
		$381.35

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, holden immediately after the adjournment of the Trustees, it was voted to appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars ($220) to eleven widows in restricted circumstances.

WM. R. JEWETT, *Secretary.*

Fisherville, August, 1868.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 23, 1865.

[At Newport, N. H.]

It is now fifty years since "the Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund" received their charter of incorporation from the Legislature of the State. It seems, therefore, a fit occasion to lay before this General Association—by whose action this charitable fund was founded—a statement, somewhat in detail, of the doings of the Trustees in relation to the charity entrusted to them.

In making this statement, by direction of the Trustees, it will be relevant, and, we trust, gratifying to the members of this body, and to all concerned, to give a succinct history of the fund from the beginning—its inception, increase, management, the beneficiaries it has aided, and its present condition.

I. First of all we trace this fund to a particular Providence —even of Him who is the Father of the fatherless and the God of the widow. At the funeral of Rev. Ebenezer Flint, of Brentwood, who died October 12, 1811, aged 42 years, it appeared that the widow then bereaved, with four young children, was in such circumstances of indigence as demanded the charities as well as sympathy of christian friends. Rev. Jonathan French, of North-Hampton, was then a witness of their destitution, and first to his mind was suggested the idea of providing relief. The subject was brought before the General Association, in due form, at Hollis, in 1812, by Rev. John H. Church, and a committee was then appointed, who, at the meeting in Plymouth, the next year, reported a plan for establishing the "Widows' Charitable Fund."

The plan, embracing a constitution, was approved, and a board of twelve Trustees was chosen by the Association, to carry it into effect. The first Trustees were —

Rev. Abijah Wines, *Newport;*
Rev. Jonathan French, *North-Hampton;*
Rev. Nathan Parker, *Portsmouth;*
Deacon Amos Tappan, *Hampton;*
John True, Esq., *Hampstead;*
Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D., *Concord;*
Rev. William Morrison, *Londonderry;*
Doctor Thomas Sargeant, *Chester;*
Rev. Walter Harris, *Dunbarton;*
Rev. William F. Rowland, *Exeter;*
Rev. Ephraim P. Bradford, *New-Boston;*
Rev. John Smith, *Salem* (*N. H.*).

The constitution, which was revised and adopted in full in 1815, provided: Art. 1. That the Board of twelve Trustees shall be called *The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund*, not less than six of whom shall be ordained ministers of the gospel, and five shall constitute a quorum. 2. That the trustees shall meet annually, and elect by ballot, from their own body, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Prudential Committee, and two persons to audit the Treasurer's accounts. The usual duties of the several officers were prescribed. 3. That a sermon shall be annually preached, in behalf of the objects of the board, by some one previously appointed for the purpose. [By understood concurrence with the General Association this service was usually assigned to the preacher before that body —though of late years the custom has fallen into desuetude]. 4. Vacancies in the board were to be filled by ballot of the remaining members. 5. Methods devised for collecting funds. 6. The objects of this charity to be the widows and children* of deceased clergymen of the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations. 7. All applications for aid to be made by the widow or children of a deceased minister, or by their agent or guardian, to the prudential committee; and, finally, that the constitution might be amended by the concurrence of the Board with the General Association and *Pastoral Convention*—which body has since ceased to be held—and also that a report should annually be made of their doings to these bodies.

At the first election of officers under the constitution, Rev. William Morrison was chosen President; Dea. Amos Tappan, Secretary; Doctor Thomas Sargeant, Treasurer; Rev. Walter Harris, Rev. Nathan Parker, Rev. John Smith, Prudential Committee; John True, Esq., Rev. Dr. McFarland, Auditors.

Thus organized under their constitution, a charter of incorporation was obtained from the Legislature of the State, in June, 1815. The Act set forth, that "Whereas the widows and children of deceased clergymen are often left without the pecuniary means of a comfortable maintenance, and the discontinuance of their support, in consequence of the death of their husbands and fathers, not unfrequently subjects them to a very painful and discouraging situation; and whereas the establishment of a fund for the express purpose of alleviating the wants of the said description of persons would be an object worthy of the spirit of public munificence which the Divine Benefactor of mankind has so extensively awakened in the present age:

"Therefore, *Be it enacted, &c.*, That William Morrison, &c. (naming the twelve trustees), their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic

*Children not to be reckoned as proper objects, after the age of twenty-one years.

and corporate by the name of 'The Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund,'" &c. The charter allows the trustees "to hold real and personal estate to the amount of *four thousand dollars*, which said estate shall be holden by said corporation free from taxation for ever."

II. The next important step for the Board was to devise and execute methods for the procuring of funds for their object. The following methods were proposed and adopted:

1. That annual public contributions be taken for the object after the Convention Sermon, and after the sermon before the General Association.

2. That each Congregational and Presbyterian minister in this State should consider himself obligated to pay at least one dollar annually for this object; and, as he may have opportunity, to solicit donations and transmit them to the treasurer.

3. That the ministers in our connection throughout the State be requested to take up one contribution, annually, or that one subscription be opened in each of their societies for this fund.

To dispose of the funds which should be raised, the Board *Voted*,* That the moneys raised by contributions or subscriptions in the several churches and societies, together with all donations, unless the donors expressly direct otherwise, should be considered a *permanent fund*, and one per cent of the interest shall be annually added to the principal. The remaining interest, the annuities of ministers, and the contributions at the meetings of the Convention and General Association, may be annually expended.

Acting on these well considered and judicious methods of securing funds, the Trustees have at different times, by special appeals and applications, brought the subject of this charity before the churches, and in some cases have met with a generous response. Slowly, but surely, has the fund grown from its imperceptible beginning, to at least more than half the sum which the charter allows.

The first entry in the book of the Treasurer, Dr. Thomas Sargeant, June 2, 1814, is for "cash received of the Trustees at Concord, *$24.20*." How that sum was raised is not stated, but it formed the *nucleus* around which the Permanent Fund has accumulated. To that, the next year, were added $22.66, raised in Exeter by Rev. Mr. Rowland; $50 from Portsmouth, by Rev. Nathan Parker, and $15.70 from Rev. Jonathan French, of North-Hampton. In 1821, $50 from Dartmouth College, by Rev. Roswell Shurtleff. The following statement must suffice to show the steady growth of the Fund:

From 1813 to 1817, Dr. Thomas Sargeant, Treasurer, it increased to $344.78.

*June 8, 1815.

From 1817 to 1825, John True, Esq., Treasurer, to $515.

From 1825 to 1841, Stephen Ambrose, Esq., Treasurer, to about $1000.

From 1842 to 1861, Francis N. Fisk, Esq., Treasurer, to $1800.

From 1862 to 1865, Shadrach Seavey, Esq., Treasurer, to $2500.

The whole sum in the hands of the Treasurer, June 7, 1865, was $2,547.43, which was invested as follows:

Eleven shares in stock of Northern R. R., cost,	$1,090.00
Bond of the State of New-Hampshire,	500.00
Bond of the City of Concord,	500.00
Deposited in the Savings Bank, Concord,	457.15
In hand,	.28
	$2,547.43

For this increase of the Permanent Fund the Trustees would make grateful mention of the prudential care and good management of the several treasurers, whose services have all been performed without a cent of charge to the Fund, and without loss. Credit is due also to particular Associations, that have favored the Trustees by forwarding the annuity from their several members, with great regularity. The Piscataqua Association deserves especial commendation. A considerable number of ministers in different parts of the State have regularly paid their annuity: and *one* could be mentioned, whose name stands on the Treasurer's book, credited annually one dollar for twenty-nine consecutive years.

Providence also has given this charity a place in the hearts and prayers of christian women, who have made liberal efforts and offerings in its behalf. The late Mrs. Margaret Dean, of Exeter, a widow, full of faith and good works, collected in Exeter and vicinity, in fourteen years, and paid the sum of five hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, or an average of thirty-seven dollars a year. In a letter to the President of the Trustees, Jan. 12, 1842, inclosing $40, Mrs. Dean wrote thus: "Plead for the widows. In obedience to this command I have made another effort to obtain something for the comfort of this respected and esteemed class in our community. I am happy to say that among the few thousand dollars that it has been my privilege to collect for various pious and charitable objects, I can recollect none that was ever contributed more readily and cheerfully than this." Since the death of Mrs. Dean, the widow of the late Rev. Isaac Hurd, D. D., has annually forwarded a contribution from the ladies of Exeter and vicinity to this object. In March, 1835, a legacy of $90.25 was received from Mrs. Mary Clark, of Portsmouth. In December, 1841, a legacy of $50 from Mrs.

Judith C. Upham, of Rochester. In 1850, a donation was received, by the hand of Rev. Wm. R. Jewett, of $50, from Mrs. Rebecca Jewett, then of Waltham, Ms., and in 1854, another $50, from the same source. We gratefully record, also, that the last year, 1864, a donation of $500 was received from a lady in Concord, whose name we are not allowed to publish, but whose works do praise her. $88.60 were received from the Whitefield Monument Fund, proposed at Exeter, the original object of which failed. We gratefully record, also, that Col. Rufus G. Lewis, of New-Hampton, made a donation in 1855 of one hundred dollars to the Fund.

III. In disbursing this charity the Trustees have endeavored to act with impartiality—having regard, however, to the relative wants of the beneficiaries, so far as known to them. No application, properly made and vouched for, has ever been rejected. The amount of appropriations each year has been determined by the sum in the treasury. Regarding themselves only as almoners of this charity to proper objects, in no instance has an appropriation been made without the means in hand of payment, and not a cent of debt has ever been contracted. The annual appropriation to each one has been an average of about $20; the least sum, any year, twelve dollars, and the highest, twenty-five. Thus, in all, thirty-two widows of clergymen have been aided, and the orphan children of two. The whole sum donated in fifty years is six thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars. Some of the early beneficiaries required assistance till the close of life. Mrs. Flint, with her four children, whose necessities first suggested the idea of providing this relief, and who was also one of the first to receive its benefits, in 1816, continued on the list of beneficiaries twenty-six years, and received in all five hundred and thirteen dollars. Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, widow of Rev. Enoch Pillsbury, of Litchfield, who was left with an invalid child, in "very indigent and distressed circumstances," received aid from 1818 to 1861 inclusive—44 years—to the amount of $972. The widow of Rev. Joseph Kidder, of Dunstable, 17 years, $338. The widow of Rev. Dr. Thayer, of Kingston, 19 years, $363. On receiving this annual gift Mrs. Thayer was usually so overcome with grateful emotions, and the tender memories of the past, that, as related by one of her daughters, she had first "a season of prayer alone, and then a good cry!" The widow Betsey Hull, of Seabrook, was aided 34 years, to the amount of $720. The last appropriation went in part to defray the expenses of her sickness and funeral, and six dollars toward the purchase of a stone "to mark the place of her rest." The widow of Moses Dow, of Plaistow, received aid 15 years, to the amount of $375. Others, however, needed but slight assistance before they went to that blessed world

where "there is no want, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor any more pain." Some of the applications for aid have been expressed in the most humble, submissive, delicate, and, to the Trustees, affecting terms. One who is now on the list of beneficiaries, in answer to a letter of inquiry sent her by the President of the Board, says, "During the whole of my husband's ministry he labored as a home missionary, and in parishes where he received a very limited recompense, caring less, however, for the *fleece* than for the *flock*. Thus, at his death, he could bequeath to his wife only his four children, with their wealth of affectionate hearts, and to his children, who, by his death, were *doubly* orphaned (I was a second mother), the rich legacy of a spotless life. * * * * With a little fund of $20 annually, left me many years since by my father, and a diligent use of my *needle*, or rather I should say with the blessings of heaven on these means, I succeeded in keeping the 'wolf from the doors.' 'T is true, I had to adopt a system of retrenchment, self-denial, and rigid economy; to set aside luxuries as a thing not to be thought of; to dispense with what *most* would deem only conveniences, and to put up with the bare necessities of life.

"Two or three weeks since, just before the receipt of your letter, I was ruminating upon ways and means of providing for the future, when, for the *first* time in a life of more than three-score years, I found *discontent* with divine arrangements was coiling, serpent-like, around my heart. It was in vain that reason suggested the sentiment of my childhood's hymn,

'The Lord is *good*, and *kind*, and *true*.'

It did not hush the rebellious feeling. I knelt before my Father, and lifted my heart in fervent supplication: for what? For my bread to be given and my water to be made sure? O no—but that I might be kept from a thousand-fold greater evil; a murmuring, discontented spirit. Faith triumphed—the tempter fled, I arose re-assured, willing, cheerfully willing, to receive evil, if need be, from the hand of my heavenly Father. My habitual faith and trust returned, and though my path is hedged in and hidden from view, I still trust in a covenant keeping God, assured that he will care for the 'righteous and their seed.'

"In conclusion, sir, I have one request to make: viz., that the 'Trustees of the Widows' Charitable Fund' will be assiduous in their efforts to seek out the *needy;* among whom are some with natures too sensitive to protrude their claims, but who would, from this very fact, the more highly appreciate your aid, demonstrating, as it does, your sympathy in their behalf."

IV. Of the original Trustees, I have already spoken. They are all dead, and all were men of mark—of piety and useful-

ness—in their day. It should be noted that the first on the list of those revered names was the Rev. ABIJAH WINES, then the able and devoted pastor of the church in Newport. It will be gratifying to this Association, as it will serve to awaken grateful memories, and, I trust, strengthen our confidence in the management of this charity, to rehearse the names of those who have since been placed in the Board of Trust, many of whom have closed their labors and gone to their reward.

Names of Trustees, and when elected.

Rev. John H. Church,* *Pelham*, 1819.
Rev. Jonathan Curtis,* *Epsom*, 1819.
Rev. Josiah Carpenter,* *Chichester*, 1822.
Samuel Fletcher, Esq.,* *Concord*, 1822.
Stephen Ambrose, Esq.,* *Concord*, 1825.
Rev. Abraham Burnham,* *Pembroke*, 1825.
Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, *Concord*, 1825.
Rev. John M. Putnam,† *Dunbarton*, 1832.
Rev. John Woods,* *Newport*, 1837.
Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, *Concord*, 1838.
Rev. Edwin Holt,* *Portsmouth*, 1839.
Rev. John M. Whiton,* *Antrim*, 1841.
Francis N. Fisk, Esq., *Concord*, 1842.
Hon. Samuel Morril,* *Concord*, 1843.
Abner B. Kelly, Esq., *Warner*, 1843.
Rev. Asa P. Tenney,* *West Concord*, 1845.
Rev. Henry E. Parker, *Concord*, 1853.
Dea. James Moulton,* *Concord*, 1853.
Rev. Samuel C. Bartlett,† *Manchester*, 1854.
Rev. Lewis Goodrich, *Pembroke*, 1857.
Rev. Lyman Whiting,† *Portsmouth*, 1857.
Rev. Josiah G. Davis,† *Amherst*, 1857.
Rev. Ambrose Smith,* *Boscawen*, 1859.
Mr. Asa McFarland, *Concord*, 1859.
Shadrach Seavey, Esq., *Concord*, 1861.
Rev. Ephraim O. Jameson,† *East Concord*, 1862.
Joseph B. Walker, Esq., *Concord*, 1862.
Rev. Pliny B. Day, *Hollis*, 1863.

It should be stated that all the services of the Trustees, from the beginning, have been performed gratuitously. I do not find a single charge in the Treasurer's book for any service, except two dollars paid Rev. E. P. Bradford, for obtaining incorporation of the Board. Through the President, a correspondence is maintained with the beneficiaries of the

* Deceased. † Resigned.

Fund, and their residence, temporal condition and prospects are understood.* The annual appropriations are regularly forwarded, and receipts returned to the Treasurer as vouchers. Only in one case in fifty years has an appropriation failed to reach its destination. The only practical difficulty in the functions of the Board is found in securing a quorum for the transaction of business. So great has this difficulty been since the suspension of the Pastoral Convention, in June, 1860, that it has been deemed expedient to fill vacancies in the Board by persons resident in the vicinity of Concord, rather than dispersed in remote parts of the State.

In conclusion, the history of this Fund is suggestive of many grave reflections. The fact glares upon us, as stated in the preamble of Incorporation, "that the widows and children of deceased clergymen are often left without the pecuniary means of comfortable subsistence, and this subjects them to a very painful and discouraging situation." How is the fact to be explained? To want of prudence, economy, good management, self-denial even, on the part of ministers? or to the want of a due appreciation of a minister's services? to parsimony, at least a just compensation of their services on the part of the people? Is it not the law of Christ that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel? Can it then be right to subject ministers and their families to this "painful situation"? To compel them either to relinquish their work in order to furnish bread for their household by other means; or to labor on such scanty pittance as must not only cripple their energies in life, but embitter their sorrows in death? What right has a people thus to stint the servants of Christ? What right to subject their widows to fears of "a wolf at the door," or their children to the orphanage of poverty and depression? If religion consists practically "in doing justly and loving mercy," as well as "walking humbly with God," we fear that many churches and societies will have a solemn account to render for the want both of justice and mercy in dealing with their ministers.

Again, the history also suggests, and urges the importance of doing much more than has yet been done to increase this Fund, and extend its benefits, in greater degree, to its present beneficiaries, and to those who are liable to become so. We would remind our brethren in the ministry, that all have an interest in this matter. Probably not one of all the ministers in the State, out of his salary alone, can lay up a competency for his family after his decease. Not those alone who labor in feeble churches, or as missionaries, are liable to leave families

* A list of the beneficiaries may be found on file with the Secretary—Rev. William R. Jewett.

in want; not the less talented and eminent in their profession; not the less devout and godly; but equally those who occupy higher positions are liable to the same issue. Look over the list of widows aided by this Fund, and you find one—the widow of perhaps the most gifted of all the ministers in the State, when this Association was organized; another, of one who has filled successfully honored stations in benevolent societies and as a professor in literature and theology; a third, whose learning and position entitled him to a prime rank in the respect of his brethren; and a fourth, whom we all delighted to honor, not only as the founder of this charity, but the patron of every good cause.

If the inquiry be raised, how can we increase this charitable fund? the answer may be sufficiently explicit to say, 1. By each paying his annuity of one dollar a year into its treasury. 2. By taking up *one* collection a year from the church to which he ministers. 3. By presenting the object for the patronage of those who, by donations, or legacy, might add to it.

Finally, the Trustees of this Charitable Fund, holding themselves morally responsible to this General Association, who established it, for the faithful discharge of their duty, most earnestly solicit both an interest in your prayers and your continued coöperation and encouragement. The question which has been raised, whether there should not also be a fund to assist indigent, sick, or superannuated ministers, and whether such a fund might not be placed under the same Board of Trust, subject to the supervision of the General Association—is one which I am authorized to say this Board will readily entertain, whenever a plan shall be matured and presented for official action. It is a question in which, as ministers, we have a common interest, and may be settled on principles just and beneficial to all.

In behalf of the Trustees,

N. BOUTON,

President of the Board.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

WM. R. JEWETT in account with

General Association of New-Hampshire.

			DR.	
1867.	Sept.	Balance in the Treasury,	$123.51	
1868.	May 12.	Grafton Conference for 1868,	30.00	
	June 25.	Rockingham Conference for 1868,	45.00	
	Aug. 8.	Sullivan Conference for 1868,	17.50	
	Aug. 11.	Hillsborough Conference for 1868,	55.00	
	Aug. 18.	Strafford Conference for 1868,	32.00	
	Aug. 19.	Merrimack Conference for 1868,	38.00	
	Aug. 25.	Cheshire Conference for 1868,	30.00	
				$371.01
			CR.	
1867.	Dec. 23.	B. P. Stone for postage,	$1.42	
1868.	Jan. 16.	A. G. Jones' bill for printing,	137.50	
		Stamp for Minutes,	17.00	
		Wrapping and mailing Minutes,	3.00	
		Express charges through the year,	2.75	
		Postage and Stationery,	5.00	
			$166.67	
		Balance in the Treasury,	204.34	
				$371.01

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and well vouched.

L. D. STEVENS, *Auditor.*

Concord, Aug. 26, 1868.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Sch'r.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	A. D. 1777	A. C. Field,	A. D. 1866	1866	10	29	39	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	$36.10
Alstead New (2d),	1788	S. H. Amsden,	1856	1867	29	47	76	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	63	46.25
Alstead (3d),	1842	F. B. Knowlton,	1865	S. S. 1867	4	20	24	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	57	
Chesterfield,	1777	None.			5	20	25	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	9.70
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Fosdick,	1864	S. S. 1866	9	13	22	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	54.14
Fitzwilliam,	1771	John F. Norton,	1844	S. S. 1868	39	104	143	18	1	0	1	2	5	0	7	0	1	210	225.00
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	1839	S. S. 1866	13	30	43	5	1	4	5	0	2	0	2	1	1	90	120.00
Harrisville,	1840	C. M. Palmer,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1867	8	15	23	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	163	30.67
Hinsdale,	1821	J. S. Batchelder,	1858	1866	42	91	133	6	4	1	5	3	5	0	8	2	1	125	319.00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	1842	1867	34	73	107	26	9	4	13	5	2	0	7	4	1	125	179.61
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	1833	S. S. 1863	18	48	66	15	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	105	80.00
Keene, 1st church,	1838	Z. S. Barstow DD Past'r Emeritus W. S. Karr,	July 1, 1818	July 1, 1818 July 9, 1868	32	156	188	16	8	9	12	10	134	1	145	1	2	400	416.36
Keene, 2d church,*	1867	J. A. Leach,	1864	S. S. 1867	55	110	165	5	29	16	45	3	0	0	3	18	2	304	593.00
Marlborough,	1788	Giles Lyman,	1832	S. S. 1840	34	74	108	28	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	186	147.44
Nelson,	1781	Joseph Marsh,	1828	S. S. 1867	38	49	87	18	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	60	68.85
Rindge,	1765	None.			50	135	185	21	0	0	0	3	9	0	12	0	0	225	400.00
Roxbury,	1816	H. H. Colburn,		S. S.	2	9	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
Stoddard,	1787	S. L. Gerould,	1861	1861	16	58	74	12	8	3	11	1	3	0	4	8	1	164	161.80
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stow,	1855	S. S. 1863	34	56	90	12	4	4	8	2	1	0	3	3	1	121	175.00
Surry,	1837	None.			1	12	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
Swanzey,	1741	Tho's E. Roberts,	1861	S. S. 1864	18	45	63	9	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	10 00
Troy,	1815	None.			19	25	44	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	146.83
Walpole,	1761	None.			18	71	89	16	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	75	185.00
Westmoreland,	1764	None.			18	49	67	21	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	1	74	50.00
" Evang.,	1852	Wm. Claggett,	1830	S. S.	5	23	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	7.00
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	1867	1867	58	118	176	40	12	2	14	5	2	0	7	9	1	225	124.48
26 Churches,					609	1480	2089	345	79	51	130	44	177	1	222	50	15	3275	$3,598.23

* For eight months only.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson. Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1863. Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831. A. W. Burnham, D. D., Rindge, ordained 1821. The house of worship in New Alstead has been repaired and rededicated, and the Second Church in Keene are building a new one. Cheshire Conference meets on the second Wednesday in June. J. M. Stow, Sullivan, Clerk. Geo. Kingsbury, Keene, Treasurer.

2. COOS CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	Dec. 27, 1799	Vacant.			6	6	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		none.
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,	June 27, 1855	S. S.	97	35	52	10	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	5	70	150
Dalton,	April 28, 1816	Henry Farrer,	Nov. 6, 1867	S. S.	7	22	29	5	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	39	
Franconia,	April, 1844	Vacant.			5	9	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	none.
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1762	G. U. Tewksbury,		S. S.	3	23	26	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	42	35
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 1860	Sept. 27, 1865	38	89	127	18	5	4	9	2	2	0	4	4	1	150	169
Littleton,	Mar. 3, 1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 28, 1860	Sept. 28, 1860	34	99	133	25	3	1	4	1	5	0	6	3	0	160	458
Shelburne,	Aug. 26, 1818	Vacant.			0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	Vacant.			9	22	39	13	1	1	2	0	0	0	9	0	0	43	0
9 Churches.		2 Pastors, 3 Stated Supplies, 4 Vacant.			119	308	427	83	15	7	22	6	10	0	16	11	6	579	804

These Churches are associated with the Congregational Churches of Essex County, Vt. The next annual of Conference will be held at Guildhall, Vt., the first Tuesday in June, 1869. H. V. Emmons, *Scribe*.

The Churches in Gorham and Shelburne are connected with a Conference in Maine.

Several of the vacant Churches have had, for a short season, the labors of Theological Students.

H. V. EMMONS, *Statistical Scribe.*

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

* Records of these Churches revised, and reports of former years found to be too large; or members having been absent five years or more are no longer counted.

† $400 of this sum belongs to the previous year.

‡ Beside $2,180 raised for repairs.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. E. W. Hooker, Nashua, ordained —— 15, 1821; Rev. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Rev. Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1802; Rev. Wm. Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Rev. Walter Follet, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Rev. Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; Rev. George Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Rev. Samuel Lee, New-Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; Rev. H. G. Park, Hancock; Rev. E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842.

LICENTIATES. Addison Heald, Hudson, March 27, 1840, Warren Cochran, New-Boston; J. W. Churchill, Nashua.

T. P. SAWIN, *Statistical Scribe.*

3. GRAFTON CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs.	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	1844	Aug. 13, 1867	18	85	103	18	1	0	1	5	3	0	8	0	0	133	none.
Bridgewater,	Feb. 4, 1818	Vacant.			1	6	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	none.
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1823	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 17, 1867	S. S. 1866	17	52	69	8	0	5	5	4	0	0	4	0	0	75	249.33
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, 1859	June 29, 1864	30	71	101	17	2	1	3	4	2	0	6	1	3	173	304.53
Canaan,	1803	J. H. O'Brien,	Licentiate.	S. S. 1868	4	17	21	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	15.00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept 21, 1836	S. S. 1866	30	37	67	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	75	59.80
Dorchester,	May 29, 1828	Vacant.			4	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	none.
Enfield,	1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	1865	S. S. 1866	6	31	37	0	4	2	6	2	1	0	3	3	0	40	22.00
Groton,	1803	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. h. t. 1845	10	14	24	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	12.00
Hanover, Dart. Coll.,	July 2, 1805	Samuel P. Leeds,	June 18, 1851	July 10, 1861	104	141	245	115	5	5	10	5	10	0	15	0	1	125	600.00
Center,	May 10, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, 1829	S. S. 1861	24	56	80	22	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	85	58.32
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	Vacant.			52	128	180	36	5	0	5	4	7	0	11	3	4	100	229.78
Hebron,	1779	Liba Conant,	May 29, 1823	S. S. h. t. 1845	9	26	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	18.00
Hill,	1815	Vacant.			7	12	19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	none.
Lebanon,	Sept. 29, 1768	Cha's A. Downs,	May. 1849	Nov. 22, 1849	40	105	145	10	0	4	4	2	3	0	5	0	4	130	325.00
West,	1849	J. H. Edwards,	Feb. 4, 1863	Feb. 4, 1863	49	87	136	21	1	2	3	1	10	0	11	0	4	250	484.13
Lyme,	May 22, 1771	Vacant.			98	190	288	77	14	1	15	8	7	0	15	9	2	175	446.00
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Horace Pratt,	S. S. 1865	S. S. 1865	16	27	43	9	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	60	40.00
Orford, West,	1822	E. A. Lawrence, D. D.	1839	S. S. 1866	19	51	70	2	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	80	123.34
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	34	72	106	36	1	1	2	3	3	0	6	1	2	85	90.00
Plymouth,	1765	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1858	Jan. 21, 1863	30	91	121	29	5	1	6	4	7	1	12	2	2	160	443.56
Thornton,	April 11, 1780	Vacant.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	none.
Wentworth,	Sept. 21, 1830	Ja's C. Seagrave,	Dec. 3, 1851	S. S. 1865	13	52	65	14	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	0	110	111.15
23 Churches.					618	1370	1993	435	43	31	74	47	67	1	115	22	25	2164	3631.54

Pastors, 7. Stated supplies, 9. Vacant, 6.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. **James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838. C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 4, 1835. Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834. Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 22, 1814. Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826. Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834. Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837. William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July 1848. Henry E. Parker, Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849. John Clark, Plymouth, ordained Jan. 23, 1835. Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836. William A. Packard, Hanover, licentiate, 1857.**

QUINCY BLAKELY, *Statistical Secretary.*

4. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, 1844	67	157	224	20	2	6	8	6	3	0	9	2	1	226	1808.45
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	Warren Cochran,		S. S.	50	75	125	25	1	1	2	4	1	33*	38	0	2	130	50.00
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Arthur Little,	May 19, 1863	Jan. 3, 1866	69	131	200	29	5	0	5	7	4	0	11	3	1	320	377.62
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	Vacant.			17	35	52	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	56.25
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1796	J. H. Manning,	Mar. 6, 1867	Mar. 6, 1867	23	38	61	16	2	0	2	3	5	0	8	1	0	106	74.57
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1759	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S. 1863	8	29	37	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	26.25
Francestown,	1773	A. Richards, D. D.	Nov. 7, 1827	S. S. 1866	94	183	277	53	4	2	6	4	2	0	6	2	8	450	726.75
Goffstown,	1801	Vacant.			43	117	160	35	7	2	9	4	4	0	8	5	2	210	177.91
Greenfield,	May 25, 1867	Charles Willey,	Oct. 15, 1845	S. S. 1868	31	66	97	6	1	11	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	25.00
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, 1828	May 15, 1850	54	97	151	25	1	4	5	5	3	0	8	0	1	300	284.39
Hillsborough Bridge,	May 29, 1839	S. S. Morrill,	Mar. 12, 1857	S. S.	20	53	73	10	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	1	3	100	46.09
Hillsborough Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S.	16	23	39	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	15.00
Hollis,	1743	P. B. Day, D. D.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	88	146	234	20	10	2	12	3	4	0	7	9	1	325	1449.00
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	S. M. Blanchard,	Oct. 27, 1853	S. S. 1867	17	42	59	12	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	50.45
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1844	Vacant.			2	9	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	9.93
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. P. Claggett,	Sept. 30, 1846	Sept. 30, 1846	40	59	99	17	3	1	4	6	2	2	10	1	1	169	98.97
Manchester, 1st,	May 28, 1828	C. W. Wallace, DD.	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	138	343	481	80	1	21	22	6	7	0	13	1	9	615	2023.92†
do Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	Wm. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, 1867	Jan. 24, 1867	63	188	251	37	6	18	24	4	4	64*	72	3	1	413	1419.22
do Chris. Miss.,	Dec. 13, 1852	T. P. Sawin,	Apr. 19, 1843	S. S. 1866	5	19	24	24	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	3	200	
Mason, 1st,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, 1839	Apr. 18, 1860	39	58	97	24	0	3	3	0	4	0	4	0	1	115	57.58
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 7, 1865	Mar. 7, 1865	38	72	110	12	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	3	112	152.20
Merrimack, 1st,	Sept. 5, 1771	Vacant.			51	103	154	34	0	1	1	3	1	1	5	0	3	170	261.70
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	Vacant.			9	24	33	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	18.00
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1788	Vacant.			69	172	241	70	18	12	30	4	5	44*	58	10	1	320	735.84
Mont-Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D. D.	Oct. 1829	S. S.	46	112	158	38	7	5	12	4	1	0	5	4	5	180	64.00
Nashua, 1st,	1685	E. C. Hooker,	Dec. 11, 1860	Sept. 14, 1865	80	364	444	68	2	6	8	4	5	0	9	1	6	444	1905.05
Nashua, Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	Hiram Mead,	Sept. 29, 1858	Dec. 7, 1867	66	176	242	57	2	5	7	2	4	0	6	2	0	250	286.40
Nashua, Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	Wm. L. Gaylord,	Sept. 14, 1860	Dec. 31, 1867	60	157	217	41	0	1	1	2	10	0	12	0	0	300	471.70‡
New-Boston, Pres.,	1768	D. C. Frink,	1862	Dec. 12, 1866	46	110	156	46	3	4	7	4	3	2	9	1	0	233	307.11
New-Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1759	Prescott Fay,	1856	Jan. 1, 1868	73	131	204	48	8	8	16	7	6	0	13	4	1	150	400.00
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	23	48	71	5	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	150	406.00
Peterborough,	April 21, 1858	Geo. Dustin,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	45	97	142	19	5	7	12	5	3	0	8	3	0	200	186.32
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Isaiah P. Smith,	Oct. 19, 1864	S. S. 1867	46	84	130	34	4	0	4	5	4	8*	17	18	0	185	276.34
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1825	Daniel E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	37	77	114	6	6	4	10	4	2	0	6	4	0	220	300.81
30 Cong., 4 Pres.,		18 Pastors.	10 S. S.	6 Vacant.	1573	3595	5168	948	111	129	240	102	101	159	362	78	53	6976	14148.82

(See under Coos Conference, two pages back, for Remarks.)

5. MERRIMACK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Dt.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Vacant.			2	11	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		none.
Boscawen,	Sept. 8, 1840	M. L. Severance,	Feb. 17, 1864	Feb. 17, 1864	53	87	140	39	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	1	2	100	223.49
Bradford,	Nov. 24, 1803	Vacant.			16	28	44	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0		none.
Canterbury,	1760	H. Moody,	Nov. 22, 1843	S. S. Mar. 1865	24	59	83	16	5	0	5	2	2	0	4	2	1	125	44.61
Chichester,	1731	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S. S. Oct. 23, '64	32	44	76	26	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	2	0	100	55.50
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	S. Norton,	Feb. 22, 1859	S. S. Nov. 1, '67	29	59	88	18	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	2	65	50.00
" First,	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 12, 1867	64	168	232	31	5	6	11	4	1	0	5	2	2	200	514.87
" South,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			101	197	298	69	2	9	11	4	5	0	9	0	0	384	736.12
" West,	April 22, 1833	Vacant.			58	131	189	52	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	164	114.23
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1860	Nov. 21, 1866	38	68	106	21	7	1	8	6	2	0	8	6	2	175	275.00
Epsom,	1761	George Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S. S. Nov. 1, '65	31	46	77	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	80	70.00
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	Wm. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, 1837	Sept. 16, 1863	41	70	111	10	3	5	8	0	4	0	4	2	2	226	244.50
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	Wm. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sept. 4, 1849	45	94	139	41	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	150	700.00
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	J. M. R. Eaton,	Jan. 9, 1845	Feb. 26, 1851	35	104	139	28	2	4	6	5	2	6	13	1	3	218	551.03
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,	1857	S. S. 1865	12	28	40	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	56.89
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young,	Sept. 24, 1829	S. S. Oct. 7, '67	47	140	187	33	0	0	0	8	3	0	11	0	0	140	130.50
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1863	W. S. Thompson,	Oct. 17, 1860	S. S. Sept. 29 '67	14	39	53	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	110	none.
Northfield, Sanb. Br.,	July 18, 1822	Corban Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	42	119	161	50	6	2	8	5	5	0	10	6	6	150	231.39
Pembroke,	March 1, 1737	Benj. Merrill,	June 7, 1864	S. S. Nov. 25, 66	38	90	128	27	12	6	18	3	0	0	3	8	0	175	130.01
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	46	81	127	30	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	1	180	212.49
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	S. S.	30	58	88	15	8	0	8	3	0	0	3	5	1	65	none.
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington,	Jan. 31, 1866	Jan. 31, 1866	34	80	114	10	5	0	5	2	3	0	5	1	1	180	175.30
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, 1836	Dec. 13, 1837	53	84	137	18	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	5	150	250.54
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracey,	1830	S. S.	19	27	46	16	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	32.00
24 Churches.					904	1912	2816	616	68	39	107	67	37	6	110	38	29	3247	4798.47

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825, Provincial Historian of New-Hampshire. A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833. Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831, Treasurer N. H. Missionary Society and N. H. Bible Society. Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827. Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826, Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, *Statistical Secretary.*

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th. Sch'ls	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S.S.June 5,'45	24	66	90	16	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	100	63.56
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	James Holmes,	June 22, 1842	Dec. 5, 1845	23	45	68	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	106	132.00
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1756	Nathan'l Lassell,	1835	S. S. 1866	17	50	67	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	66	
Candia,	1770	Lauren Armsby,	May 27, 1846	S. S. 1866	74	121	195	88	1	1	2	9	1	0	10	1	0	212	300.50
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1731	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	77	125	202	44	3	4	7	7	4	0	11	2	3	140	278.61
Deerfield,	Jan. 1766	Jacob Chapman,	June, 1845	May 20, 1866	28	55	83	7	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	112	157.24
Derry, 1st, Cong.Pres.	1719	L. S. Parker,	Dec. 16, 1837	Feb. 20, 1861	52	141	193	34	4	2	6	2	6	0	8	2	2	270	300.00
Derry, 1st Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	92	122	17	0	7	7	5	7	0	12	0	0	75	350.30
Epping,	Dec. 1747	J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S.S.June 6,'57	13	39	52	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	114	129.26
Exeter, 1st,	1638, Re. 1698	J. O. Barrows,	June 9, 1864	Dec. 5, 1866	43	115	158	44	4	3	7	2	4	1	7	1	1	130	782.29
Exeter, 2d,	1813	J. W. Chickering,	Sept. 19, 1860	Sept. 6, 1865	33	90	123	40	7	1	8	2	2	0	4	2	3	176	1437.00
Greenland,	1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, 1852	Same day.	14	42	56	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	56	223.77
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21, 1859	Same day.	21	79	100	5	2	7	9	2	0	0	2	2	0	159	147.50
Hampton,	1638	John W. Dodge,	Dec. 6, 1860	Oct. 19, 1865	65	131	196	24	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	135	310.78
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	April 4, 1833	June 30, 1864	9	36	45	7	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	95	86.71
Kingston,	Sept. 25, 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, 1858	1868	7	33	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	26.54
Londonderry, Pres.,	1735	Wm. House.	Oct. 7, 1857	Same day.	64	133	197	18	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	1	3	216	328.23
Newcastle,	1671	Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	9	37	46	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	219	
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S.S.June 1,'65	18	40	58	15	2	5	7	3	0	0	3	2	1	190	113.33
North-Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1861	S.S.May 1,'67	54	94	148	22	1	3	4	3	3	0	6	1	1	180	223.37
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1865	36	70	106	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	135	18.41
Nottingham,	1840	Vacant.			2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Plaistow,*	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows,	June, 1836	S. S. 1859	21	60	81	14	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	85	183.00
Portsmouth,	1671	Geo. M. Adams,	Sept. 18, 1851	June 3, 1863	85	255	340	76	2	4	6	6	9	0	15	2	5	203	1154.12
Raymond,	1791	E. C. Chapman,	Sept. 20, 1854	Dec. 6, 1866	61	98	159	22	19	4	23	0	2	0	2	12	2	150	126.03
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	Giles Leach,	Feb. 6, 1833	S.S.June 1,'68	18	54	72	23	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	38.00
Salem,	Jan. 16, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,	1850	S. S. 1863	18	62	80	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	9.00
Seabrook, Hamp. Falls	1836	A. B. Peabody,	May 24, 1860	S. S. 1867	12	23	35	12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	95	65.70
South-Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	W. A. Rand, licen.	Was means of	gathering ch.	12	16	28	0	25	3	28	0	0	0	0	24	0	112	
South-Newmarket,	1730	Israel T. Otis,	July 10, 1825	S. S. 1868	10	22	32	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	
Stratham,	1746	Vacant.			12	29	41	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	117	112.98
Windham, Pres.,	1742	Joseph Lanman,	June 2, 1868	Same day.	49	114	163	27	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	200	100.00
32 Churches. 29 Cong'l.	2 Pres.	1 Cong. & Pres.		Total	1011	2379	3381	569	81	55	136	66	51	1	118	57	36	4043	7188.23

Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, is preaching at Newington.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. Thomas Jameson, Exeter, ordained July, 1825. Rev. George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained April 29, 1840. Rev. Joseph Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847. Rev. Charles Dame, Exeter. Rev. Loren Thayer, Presbyterian, Windham, ordained Nov. 5, 1855.

The new church at South Seabrook has been gathered through the labors of Mr. Wm. A. Rand, an earnest young christian from Portsmouth, in a neighborhood from which very few had been accustomed to attend meeting any where. The change in the place is very great. They have $2600 subscribed abroad for a meeting-house, the underpinning of which is in progress. The church in Portsmouth have paid a debt on their house of worship of $4000.

* Plaistow and North Haverhill.

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant.			6	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	6.75
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	J. L. Arms,	June 25, 1846	S. S.	12	34	46	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	12.75
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant.			12	25	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
" Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr,	Feb. 13, 1861	S. S.	14	26	40	0	8	2	10	3	0	0	3	1	0	80	17.57
Center-Harbor,	May 9, 1839	J. H. Bliss,		S. S.	17	30	47	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	
Conway,	1728	Reuben Kimball,	1841	S. S.	25	65	90	18	1	1	2	4	0	0	4	1	2	110	293.65
Dover, 1st Church,	1638-9	A. S. Walker,	June 14, 1857	Nov. 16, 1864	65	228	293	43	4	8	12	11	6	0	17	2	2	200	991.08
" Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	C. C. Watson,	July 11, 1867	July 11, 1867	12	51	63	14	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	168	91.28
Durham,	March 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey,	Nov. 20, 1833	Nov. 20, 1833	28	61	89	13	24	12	36	2	7	0	9	20	0	128	348.25
Effingham,	May 18, 1836	Vacant.			5	18	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	R. M. Sargent,	Apr. 27, 1852	Mar. 27, 1860	9	33	42	5	1	3	4	1	1	0	2	1	0	148	258.48
Gilmanton Center,	March 8, 1826	Joseph Blake,	Mar. 3, 1841	June 13, 1860	40	76	116	24	0	3	3	2	4	0	6	0	1	65	101.81
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Jeremiah Blake,	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S.	19	40	59	16	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	40	20.00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant.			6	7	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Laconia,	July 26, 1824	H. M. Stone,	Nov. 2, 1848	Feb. 12, 1868	46	120	166	50	1	13	14	2	6	1	9	1	2	78	81.28
Lee,	Dec. 3, 1867	Mason Moore,	Dec. 3, 1867	S. S.	1	14	15	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0		
Meredith,	Feb. 30, 1815	Cha's Burnham,	Nov. 7, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	16	49	63	13	1	1	2	1	1	5	7	1	0	80	79.05
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt,	Dec. 26, 1843	S. S.	16	46	62	0	17	4	21	1	1	0	2	15	0		5.00
Moultonborough,	March 12, 1777	Vacant.			5	12	17	14	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0		
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 27, 1806	Tho's M. Lord,	Aug. 1837	S. S.	17	36	53	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	14.00
Rochester,	1737	A. F. Marsh,	Oct. 13, 1867	Oct. 13, 1867	21	94	125	26	4	6	10	2	2	0	4	3	0	150	60.00
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Tho's S. Robie,	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S.	21	67	88	49	1	0	1	1	7	0	8	0	1	100	52.50
Sanbornton,	1772	M. T. Runnells,	1856	June 11, 1868	42	88	130	15	1	4	5	2	4	0	6	0	0	120	236.27
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Vacant.			6	20	26	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	17.00
" North,	June 27, 1832	Otis Holmes,	Sept. 8, 1842	S. S.	16	20	36	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		37.15
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden,	Sept. 1, 1841	Jan. 5, 1865	52	139	191	35	0	2	2	5	5	0	10	0	0	200	346.72
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	Sam'l H. Riddel,	June 27, 1827	Aug. 15, 1860	34	79	113	19	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	165	162.33
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant.			3	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Wakefield,	Sept. 22, 1765	Dan'l D. Tappan,	Nov. 19, 1826	S. S.	10	29	39	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	66	80.55
Wolfeborough,	June 17, 1834	Sumner Clark,	Jan. 1, 1845	S. S.	25	50	75	17	5	3	8	2	0	0	2	4	0	90	130.45
" North,	1839	F. P. Smith,	1838	S. S.	4	13	17	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	5.00
31 Churches.		11 Pastors.	13 S. S.		605	1592	2197	442	72	69	141	50	63	6	119	57	9	2298	3481.12

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. John Wood, Wolfeborough. Almon Benson, Center-Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840. Nath'l Barker, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 1, 1826. Ezra Haskell, Dover.

C. BURNHAM, *Statistical Scribe.*

Acworth,	Mar. 12,	1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, 1860	June 13, '66	48	94	142	24	5		5	3	8		11			160	196.54
Charlestown,	Aug. 1,	1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, 1848	S. S.	4	23	27			1	1	1	1		2			50	
Claremont,		1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, 1850	Feb. 25, 1864	70	184	254	68	2	13	15	5	14		19	2	7	273	517.43
Cornish,	Nov. 6,	1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, 1840	S. S.	20	37	57	9	4	3	7	1	3		4	3	1	75	
Croydon,	Sept. 9,	1778	Vacant.			10	14	24	6					1		1			30	
Goshen,	Feb. 23,	1802	Vacant.			10	15	25	2					2		2			25	3.00
Langdon,	Jan. 6,	1820	Moses Gerould,	May 22, 1828	S. S.	9	29	38	11	3	1	4		1		1			70	46.60
Lempster,	Nov. 13,	1781	Benj. Howe,	Nov. 5, 1845	S. S.	25	29	54	21				2	4		6			35	23.00
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1,	1837	Vacant.			7	12	19	5					1		1			50	
Meriden,	May 2,	1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, 1868	May 6, 1868	30	70	100	20	2		2	2	4		6			50	250.00
Newport,	Oct. 28,	1779	G. R. W. Scott,		S. S.	67	124	191	55		5	5	9	13		22		3	180	404.56
Plainfield,	Sept. 20,	1804	Vacant.			6	24	30	7	5	6	11	2			2	2		30	50.50
Washington,	May 20,	1780	E. B. Bassett,	May 25, 1857	S. S.	4	22	26	7	4	1	5	1			1	3		40	52.00
13 Churches.						310	677	987	235	25	30	55	26	52		78	10	11	1068	1543.63

Without Charge. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820. B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865. Edward H. Greeley, Claremont, ordained Nov. 7, 1849. **Licentiates.** Cyrus S. Richards, LL. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850. Abel Wood, Meriden, licensed July, 1848. Robert C. Bell, a student from Union Theological Seminary, has labored four months at Plainfield, as a missionary.

EDWARD W. CLARK, *Statistical Secretary.*

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1868.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls.	Charit. Coll.
	Vac.	Total.	Pastors.	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total.	Abs	Prof	Let.	Tot.	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	6	26	8	13	4	25		609	1480	2089	345	79	51	130	44	177	1	222	50	15	3275	3598.23
2. Coos,	4	9	2	3		5		119	308	427	83	15	7	22	6	10	0	16	11	6	579	804.00
3. Grafton,	6	23	7	9	10	26	2	618	1370	1988	435	43	31	74	47	67	1	115	22	25	2164	3631.54
4. Hillsborough,	6	34	18	6	10	34	3	1573	3595	5168	948	111	129	240	102	101	159	362	78	53	6976	14188.82
5. Merrimack,	4	24	10	10	6	26		904	1912	2816	616	68	39	107	67	37	6	110	38	29	3247	4775.42
6. Rockingham,	2	32	15	15	5	35		1011	2370	3381	569	81	55	136	66	51	1	118	57	36	4043	7188.23
7. Strafford,	7	39	11	13	4	28		605	1592	2197	442	72	69	141	50	63	6	119	57	9	2298	3481.12
8. Sullivan,	4	13	3	6	3	12	2	310	677	987	235	25	30	55	26	52	0	78	10	11	1068	1543.63
Total,	38	192	74	75	42	191	7	5749	13304	19053	3673	494	411	905	408	558	174	1140	323	184	23650	35171.00

MINISTERIAL RECORD FROM JUNE 1, 1867, TO MAY 31, 1868.

ORDAINED.

July 2, Mr. C. C. Watson, as pastor of the Belknap Church, in Dover.

Sept. 17, Mr. Silas Ketchum, at Bristol, to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Oct. 17, Mr. Elijah Harmon as pastor of the church in Rochester.

Nov. 6, Mr. Henry Farrar, to the work of the ministry in Dalton.

Dec. 3, Mr. Mason Moore to the work of the ministry in Lee.

1868, May 6, Mr. Ephraim E. P. Abbott, as pastor of the church in Meriden.

INSTALLED.

1867, Aug. 3, Rev. Asa Mann, over the church in Bath.

Aug. 22, Rev. S. H. Amsden, as pastor of the church in New Alstead.

Sept. 12, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, as pastor of the first church in Concord.

Dec. 17, Rev. Hiram Mead, as pastor of the Olive St. church in Nashua.

Dec. 31, Rev. William L. Gaylord, as pastor of the Pearl St. church in Nashua.

1868, Jan. 1, Rev. Prescott Fay, as pastor of the church in New-Ipswich.

Feb. 17, Rev. Harvey M. Stone, as pastor of the church in Laconia.

DISMISSED.

1867, June 18, Rev. Benj. F. Parsons, from the Pearl Street church, in Nashua.

June 19, Rev. John P. Humphrey, from the church in Winchester.

July 26, Rev. Frank P. Woodbury, from the church in Meriden.

Dec. 23, Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord, from the church in Fitzwilliam.

Rev. B. M. Frink, from the church in Mont-Vernon.

Aug. 12, Rev. Erdix Tenney, D. D., from the church in Lyme.

Aug. 13, Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, from the church in Milford.

Sept. 12, Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, D. D., from the first church in Concord.

Oct. 15, Rev. Joseph A. Leach, from the church in Keene.

Nov. 14, Rev. Amos W. Burnham, D. D., from the church in Rindge.

Nov. 19, Rev. John D. Emerson, from the church in Haverhill.

1868, March 17, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, from the church in Croke.

DIED.

1867, July 31, in Georgia, Vt., Rev. Nelson Barbour, aged 62 years. Mr. Barbour was at different times pastor of the churches in Sullivan, Langdon and Wolfeborough.

Nov. 8, Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, at Tamworth, aged 69 years. Mr. Kingsbury was formerly pastor of the church in Andover, and acting pastor of the church in Thornton.

1868, Feb. 10, Rev. John Wilde died at Alexandria, Va., aged 65 years. Mr. Wild was at one time pastor of the church in Conway.

May 11, Rev. Alvah Spaulding died at Wethersfield, Vt., aged 60 years. He was for 29 years pastor of the church in Cornish.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number reported is 192; four more than last year. Four new churches have been formed: namely,

1867, July 9, South Seabrook, 17 members; July 9, Barnstead Parade, 30 members; Oct. 15, Keene 2d church, 123 members; Dec. 3, Lee, 15 members.

The Pres. church at Manchester is not reported, and, as I have been informed, has been dissolved. Returns have been received from every church, though in the case of a few, they were secured by great pains. Of these churches 186 are Congregational, 6 are Presbyterian. 74 of these churches enjoy the labors of settled pastors, 75 that of stated supplies, and 38 are vacant. Some of these churches, which are reported as supplied, yet enjoy the labors of a minister only one half of the time. Two adjoining feeble churches, employing the same man. The proportion of pastors has of late years decreased, while that of stated supplies has increased; a movement in the wrong direction.

MEMBERS. Whole number reported 19053; Males 5749; Females 13304; which is 366 less than that of last year. Of these members, 18201 are connected with the 186 Congregational churches, and 852 with the 6 Presbyterian churches.

From the results which may be found in the summary, it appears that 494 were added to the churches by profession, and 411 by letter; a total of 905 during the year. In the same period, 408 were removed by death, 558 by dismission, and 174 by exclusion; a total of 1140, which leaves a diminution of 235.

The great number in the column of the excluded, results from the fact that the Franklin Street Church, Manchester, and one or two others, have revised their list of members, and dropped those who had been absent for a long time, without assigning a reason for not having called for a letter of dismission.

ABSENT MEMBERS. The number reported is 3673, which is 129 more than last year. This is wrong, and much to be regretted. Some churches are making good progress in the work of revising their catalogues, and reducing the number of absentees; but a great deal remains to be done. It appears, from the reports of the Conferences, that nearly one fifth of our membership are absentees; a proportion much greater than in some states, and fraught with evil. Sullivan Conference reports 987 members, of which 235 are absentees; nearly one fourth. I again commend this matter to the attention of the ministers and churches, and express the hope that a better report in regard to absentees may be presented the next year.

BAPTISM. 323 adults were baptized, which is 31 less than last year; 184 infants, which is 7 more than last year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The whole number reported in the Sabbath Schools, is 23650, which is 293 less than last year.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS. The whole amount reported is $35171, which is $12267 less than last year; a statement not creditable to our generosity.

The ordinations, installations, dismissions and deaths, are this year reported in a ministerial record. I would also have added the licenses of the District Associations, if they had been furnished. I think there must be more licentiates within our bounds, than have been reported by the Statistical Scribes of the Conferences.

CATALOGUE. This contains the names and post office address of all the Congregational and Presbyterian ministers residing in the state, of whom I could obtain accurate information. The Statistical Scribes differ a little in their practice; some report the names of all ministers residing in their limits, while others decline to furnish the names of those who have demitted the work of the ministry and have engaged in secular pursuits.

I hope our statistics are given this year with unusual care, yet no doubt there are some errors. The churches would greatly aid the Scribes of the Conferences, if they would take more pains to secure competent and accurate clerks, by whom their members and doings shall be carefully reported from year to year, and also secure suitable *Record Books*.

I will only add, that any suggestions which will be of use in future minutes, will be thankfully received by the Statistical Secretary.

WILLIAM R. JEWETT, *Statistical Secretary.*

CATALOGUE

Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New-hire, with their Post Office address, and the num- of the conference in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

E. P., Meriden. 8.
iel E., Wilton. 4.
rge M., Portsmouth. 6.
n, Hillsboro' Center. 4.
us, Newcastle. 6.
W., East Jaffrey. 1.
H., New Alstead. 1.
h L., Barrington. 7.
, Candia. 6.
lin D., Concord. 5.
e I., Dunbarton. 5.
haniel, Wakefield. 7.
omer, Plastow. 6.
O., Exeter. 6.
edekiah S., D. D., Keene. 1
ward B., Washington. 8.
nder, Cornish. 8.
J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
non, Center-Harbor. 7.
istus, Pelham. 4.
sahel, Hancock. 4.
mon, Kingston. 6.
miah, Gilmant'n I. Works. 7.
ph, Gilmanton Center. 7.
incy, Campton. 3.
Silas M., Hudson. 4.
thaniel, D. D., Concord. 5.
amuel C., Francestown. 4.
A., Hooksett. 5.
A. W., D. D., Rindge. 1.
Charles, Meredith. 7.
ward, Webster. 5.
O., Barnstead Parade. 7.
s, Jaffrey. 1.
B., Meriden. 8.
Edward D., Raymond. 6.
Jacob, Deerfield. 6.
. J. W., Exeter. 6.
rastus B., Lyndeboro'. 4.
William, Westmoreland. 1.
ard W., Claremont. 8.
n, Plymouth. 3.
ner, Wolfeboro'. 7.
iam, Amherst. 4.
. R., Antrim. 4.
E. C., Northwood. 6.
. H., Roxbury. 1.
ba, Hebron. 3.
ithan B., Salisbury. 5.
ban, Sanbornton Bridge. 5.
Dame, Charles, Exeter. 6.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 6.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4.
Day, Pliny B., D. D., Hollis. 4.
Dodge, John W., Hampton. 6.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1.
Dustin, George, Peterboro'. 4.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington. 6.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrer, Henry, Dalton. 2.
Fay, Prescott, New-Ipswich. 4.
Ferris, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1.
Fiske, A. W., Fisherville. 5.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4.
Gerould, Moses, Langdon. 8.
Gerould, Samuel L., Stoddard. 1.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3.
Haines, T. V., North-Hampton. 6.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfeboro'. 7.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7.
Hartshorn, V. G., Enfield. 3.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7.
Hazen, H. A., Lyme. 3.
Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Auburn. 6.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
Hooker, E. C., Nashua. 4.
Hooker, Edward W., D. D., Nashua. 4.
House, William, Pres., Londonderry. 6.
Howe, Benjamin, Lempster. 8.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jewett, William R., Fisherville. 5.
Karr, William S., Keene. 1.
Keeler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 4.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5.

Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7.
Knowlton, S. F., Alstead. 1.
Lanman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6.
Lasell, Nathaniel, Brentwood. 6.
Lawrence, E. A., D. D., Orford. 3.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury. 3.
Leeds, Samuel P., Hanover. 3.
Lee, Samuel, New-Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3.
Lord, Thomas N., Ossipee Center. 7.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7.
Marsh, Joseph, Nelson. 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook. 2.
Mead, Hiram, Nashua. 4.
Merriam, George F., Mason Village. 4.
Merrill, Benjamin, Pembroke. 5.
Merrill, John L., Acworth. 8.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2.
Moody, Howard, Canterbury. 5.
Moore, Humphrey, D. D., Milford. 4.
Moore, Mason, Lee. 7.
Morrill, S. S., Hillsboro' Bridge. 4.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1.
Norton, Smith, East Concord. 5.
Noyes, Daniel J., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Otis, Israel T., Exeter. 6.
Page, Caleb F., Milton Mills. 7.
Page Jesse, Atkinson. 6.
Park, Harrison G., Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3.
Parker, Leonard S., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Benj. F., Derry. 6.
Parsons, Ebenezer G., Derry. 6.
Peabody, Albert B., Seabrook. 6.
Pratt, Horace, Orfordville. 3.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6,
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.

Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, Austin, D. D., Francestown. 4
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7.
Roberts, Thomas E., Swanzey. 1.
Rogers, George W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7.
Sargent, Roger M. Farmington. 7.
Sanderson, Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Savage, William T., D. D., Franklin. 5.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8.
Seagrave, James C. Wentworth. 3.
Severance, M. L., Boscawen. 5.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3.
Smith, F. P., Wolfeboro,' North. 7.
Smith, George, Epsom. 5.
Smith, Isaiah P., Temple. 4.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5.
Stone, Harvey M., Laconia. 7.
Stowe, John N., Sullivan. 1.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Thayer, Loren, Pres., Windham. 6.
Thompson, George W., Stratham. 6.
Thompson, W. S., Loudon. 5.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Durham. 7.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5.
Tucker, William J., Manchester. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., D.D., Manchester. 4.
Watson, C. C., Dover. 7.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6.
Willey, Charles, Greenfield. 4.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5.

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APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICERS FOR 1870.

Annual meeting at Rochester, on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1870.

Preacher of the Opening Sermon to be appointed by the Committee of Arrangements. (See Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 1.)

Preacher before the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be appointed by the Standing Committee of Nominations. (See Art. VII, Sec. 3.

Committee of Arrangements, (Art. VII, Sec. 1,) Rev. A. F. Marsh, Rochester; Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia; Deacon Melvin, Chester.

Standing Committee of Nominations, (Art. VII, Sec. 3,) Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. A. Tobey, Durham.

Subject of Essay: How much of doctrinal confession should be required as a condition of church membership?—Essayist; Rev. J. A. Leach, Primary; Rev. Wm. J. Tucker, Substitute. (Art. VII, Sec. 2—*b.*)

Questions for Discussion. 1. Would the free seat system in our houses of worship, promote the prosperity of our churches?

Persons to lead the discussion: Revs. J. W. Chickering and J. O. Barrows, Primaries; Revs. C. E. Milliken, and G. I. Bard, Substitutes.

2. Should any service take the place of the second sermon, upon the Sabbath?

To lead the discussion: Revs. W. S. Karr and S. L. Blake, Primaries; Revs. J. L. Tomlinson and S. P. Leeds, Substitutes. (Art. VII, Sec. 2—*a.*)

CONFERENCES. *Cheshire,* 26 churches. Meets the second Wednesday of June. Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan, Clerk and Statistical Scribe; George Kingsbury, Keene, Treasurer. Assessment, $24.

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Coos, 9 churches, which unite with churches in Vermont. Rev. H. V. Emmons, Lancaster, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $4.

Grafton, 22 churches. Meets the second Tuesday of June. Rev. A. L. Marden, Piermont, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. Q. Blakely, Campton, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $24.

Hillsborough, 33 churches; 29 Cong.; 4 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. William Z. Tucker, Manchester, Clerk and Treasurer; Rev. William L. Gaylord, Nashua, Statistical Scribe. Assessment, $44.

Merrimack, 25 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday of June. Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $32.

Rockingham, 32 churches. 30 Cong.; 2 Pres. Meets second Tuesday of June. Rev. Edward Robie, Greenland, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $36.

Strafford, 31 churches. Meets third Tuesday of June. Rev. C. C. Watson, Dover, Clerk, Statistical Scribe and Treasurer. Assessment, $26.

Sullivan, 13 churches. Meets fourth Tuesday in June. Rev. E. W. Clarke, Claremont, Clerk and Statistical Scribe. Rev. J. L. Merrill, Acworth, Treasurer. Assessment, $14.

Permanent Officers of General Association. *Secretary*, Rev. George M. Adams, Portsmouth. *Statistical Secretary and Treasurer*, Rev. Henry S. Huntington, Warner. *Secretary of Sabbath Schools*, Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough.

ONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I. NAME. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSO-ATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

II. MEMBERS. This Association shall be composed of elegates from the several District Associations of Ministers, id Conferences of Churches, in the following proportions, amely: one minister for every three members of an Associa-on, and one layman for every three churches belonging to Conference; and also of the officers, preachers, and com-ittees for the year for which they are chosen, the delegates ho the preceding year fulfilled their appointments in per-on, the persons appointed to prepare essays, and lead in dis-ussions, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the New Hamp-ire Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Bible Society, e New Hampshire Education Society, and the Ministers id Widows Charitable Fund, a representation of the Facul-of Dartmouth College, and the minister of the church ith which the Association meets. Twelve members shall onstitute a quorum. All other ministers and members of e churches connected with the Association, who may be resent, shall be considered as corresponding members, with e right to speak and serve on committees, but not to vote.

III. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. 1. It is ever to be un-erstood that the system of scripture doctrine contained in e Assembly's Shorter Catechism is the basis of our union i this Association. Hence every Association and every onference in this State, receiving these doctrines as the hristian faith, is invited to unite in this body.

2. This General Association wholly disclaims ecclesiasti-al power or authority over the churches, or the opinions of ndividuals.

3. The essential objects of the Association are "to pro-note brotherly intercourse and harmony, and our mutual nimation, assistance and usefulness as ministers and churches f Christ; to obtain religious information relative to the tate of our particular churches, and the general state of the hristian Church in this country and throughout the world; nd to coöperate with other similar institutions in the most ligible measures for building up the cause of truth and holi-ness,"

IV. Meeting and Organization. 1. This Association shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in such place as shall be designated at the preceding meeting, and notified by the Secretary, and be opened with a sermon.

2. At the close of this service the preacher shall take the chair and preside until a moderator is chosen. The Secretary shall receive the certificates of delegates, and report the names of members; when the Association shall be organized by the choice of a Moderator, a Scribe, and, if necessary, an Assistant Scribe, by ballot.

V. Permanent Officers and Statistics. 1. The permanent officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Statistical Secretary, and Secretary of Sabbath Schools, each to be chosen by ballot for the term of three years from the close of the meeting at which the choice shall be made.

2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of this body, prepare an outline of business, preserve schedules and narratives of the state of religion, conduct the correspondence of this body, and notify all delegates to foreign bodies of their appointment, with the times and places of meeting of the bodies to which they are appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Statistical Secretary to procure the statistics of the churches, and narratives of the state of religion, through the Statistical Scribes of the several conferences, complete and arrange them for publication, and prepare from these several reports a narrative of the state of religion, to be read before the Association and published in the Minutes. He shall superintend their printing and be a member of the Publishing Committee. The Statistical Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the Association, and be empowered to receive and pay out such sums of money as the body may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools to present a brief annual report, embracing facts and statistics in regard to the condition of the Sabbath Schools of the State, with such recommendations as may be suggested thereby; this report to be open to a general discussion.

5. These Secretaries shall be allowed their expenses for correspondence and attendance on the meetings of this body.

6. Each Conference connected with this body is requested to appoint a Statistical Scribe, to collect the statistics of the churches within its bounds, in methods designated by this

body, and under the direction of the Statistical Secretary of the General Association. In case any Conference shall fail to appoint such a scribe prior to the 1st day of May, the Statistical Secretary may designate some person to act in this capacity for the year.

7. The statistical returns, with respect to the number in the churches, shall be made out according to a printed schedule of this body, and according to the numbers at the end of the statistical year, which shall commence with the 1st of June.

VI. Vacancies. In case of the decease of either one of the permanent officers, or his removal from the State, the duties of his office shall devolve upon his associates.

VII. Committees. 1. At each meeting of the Association a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, of which the minister of the church with which the Association is to meet, shall be chairman, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, who shall prepare and arrange the business of the session, including the selection of the preacher of the opening sermon; and no business shall be introduced without their consent. But if the Committee shall decline presenting any item of business requested by a member, he may appeal from their decision to the Association.

2. At each meeting shall be chosen a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three, to report during the session, whose duties shall be as follows:

(*a*) To designate two questions of religious doctrine or practice for the consideration of the Association, and to nominate two persons, with substitutes, to lead the discussion on each of these topics, who shall carefully prepare themselves for this duty, and shall be allowed ten minutes each, to be followed by a general discussion; speakers limited to five minutes each.

(*b*) To designate some topic, respecting ecclesiastical polity and usage, or missionary and educational enterprise, and to nominate one person, with substitute, to prepare a carefully written essay, not to exceed twenty minutes, to be subject to the subsequent remark of the Association.

3. There shall also be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of three persons, so constituted that one member shall go out each year, in rotation, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for. This Committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Association.

4. The Scribes of the Association and the Statistical Secretary, and such other person as they may select, shall be a Committee of Publication. They shall revise and publish such extracts of the Minutes as they may deem proper, and order such number of copies printed as the Association shall direct. The Statistical Secretary shall send a copy of the Minutes to each minister and each church connected with this Association, and copies to other ecclesiastical bodies, in numbers as shall be mutually agreed upon.

VIII. Order and Rules of Proceeding. 1. *Tuesday*, 10 A. M. Opening sermon, to be followed by organization, choice of committees, and business of Association.

2 P. M. Narrative of the state of religion, with additional statements respecting revivals and other facts of interest.

3½ P. M. Brief reports of delegates to foreign bodies, after which, the various benevolent causes shall be taken up in such order as the Committee of Arrangements shall judge best.

7½ P. M. Reading of essay and discussion thereupon.

2. *Wednesday*, 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Delegates from foreign bodies shall be heard, at the close of whose addresses, a response shall be made by the moderator. The substance only of letters to be communicated, unless of special interest.

11 A. M. One discussion.

2 P. M. Anniversary of New Hampshire Branch of the Education Society, including a presentation of the religious condition of Dartmouth College.

3 P. M. Report of the Secretary of Sabbath Schools, to be followed by discussion.

4 P. M. Children's meeting.

7½ P. M. Discussion of Question.

3. *Thursday*. 9 A. M. Business of Association.

10 A. M. Anniversary of the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

2 P. M. The Association will attend religious services, in which a sermon shall be delivered by a minister previously appointed, and our Lord's death commemorated in the sacrament of the supper.

4 All sessions shall be interspersed with devotional al exercises, with a morning prayer-meeting each day, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall deem best.

IX. Rules. At the hour of meeting in the morning the Moderator shall take the chair, call the members to order,

direct the roll to be called, open the session with prayer, and cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read. Each session shall be closed with prayer or singing.

2. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded. No member shall speak more than twice to the same motion, without liberty from the Association. Any motion or resolution shall, at the request of the Moderator, or any two members, be reduced to writing.

3. The Moderator may speak on points of order, in preference to other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. But he shall not speak on the merits of a question without leaving the chair, and calling some one else to preside while he speaks.

4. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, or the previous question—namely: Shall the main question be now put? The effect of adopting the previous question shall be to put an end to debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by a committee, if any, upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

5. If a question under debate contain several parts, any member may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

6. Every member, when speaking, shall address himself to the chair, and shall be subject to no needless interruption. If he acts disorderly, it shall be the duty of the Moderator, and the privilege of other members, to call him to order.

7. No member shall leave the Association before the session is closed, except with the consent of the body; nor shall any one leave the house during a sitting, without the consent of the Moderator.

X. Correspondence. 1. This Association will maintain a fraternal intercourse with other ecclesiastical bodies, so far as this shall be deemed consistent with the principles of our organization, by the appointment and interchange of delegates. Representatives from ecclesiastical bodies with whom we are in correspondence shall have the privilege of sitting with us, and participating in our deliberations, as honorary members.

2. The District Associations are requested to nominate delegates to foreign bodies in accordance with the schedule printed herewith, sending up their nominations, for confirma-

tion, by delegates to this body. If any Association fails to nominate, the committee on nominations shall do it.

3. Delegates to foreign bodies may exchange their appointments, when, by so doing, one or both will be enabled to fill the appointment personally. The same delegate may be appointed to more than one foreign body; and any regularly chosen delegate may represent us in any State west of New York, in the absence of the delegate appointed to that body.

4. The Secretary of the Association, on information that the delegate appointed will fail to represent us, may appoint any minister or layman, in our churches, to discharge this service.

5. The printed Minutes of the Association shall be sufficient testimonial of the appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable to attend, in person or by substitute, in accordance with the preceding rules, it shall be his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body to which he was appointed.

XI. Expenses. The cost of printing the Minutes, and other necessary expenses of this Association, shall be defrayed by assessments, apportioned among the several Conferences uniting in this organization, according to the number and relative strength of the churches belonging to each; and the Treasurer of each Conference shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the General Association for the amount so assessed.

XII. Amendments. Any of the foregoing articles, except the fundamental rules, may be amended or annulled at a regular meeting of this body, in which two-thirds of the Associations and Conferences are represented, by a majority of the members voting.

MINUTES.

The General Association of New Hampshire held its Sixtieth Annual Meeting in the house of the First Church in Keene, commencing on Tuesday, August 24, 1869, and was opened with a sermon by Prof. Henry E. Parker, of Dartmouth College, from Heb. 13 : 8.

After the sermon the preacher took the chair.

The following delegates presented their credentials and were enrolled as MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap—Rev. M. T. Runnels, Sanbornton ; Rev. J. K. Young, Hopkinton.

Derry and Manchester—Rev. S. L. Gerould, Goffstown.

Harmony—

Hollis—Rev. D. E. Adams, Wilton ; Rev. William Clark, Amherst.

Hopkinton—Rev. H. S. Huntington, Warner ; Rev. S. S. Morrill, Henniker.

Lancaster—Rev. Hugh McLeod, Colebrook.

Monadnock—Rev. J. F. Norton, Fitzwilliam ; Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan ; Rev. A. C. Field, Alstead.

Orange—Rev. C. E. Milliken, Littleton ; Rev. Asa Mann, Bath.

Sullivan—Rev. E. W. Clark, Claremont.

Suncook—

Union—Rev. George Dustan, Peterborough ; Rev. A. Bigelow, Hancock.

White River—Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme.

Piscataqua—Rev. A. B. Peabody, Seabrook ; Rev. A. Toby, Durham ; Rev. Franklin Davis, Newington.

DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCES.

Cheshire—Dea. A. Maynard, Keene ; Dea. J. F. Isham, Alstead ; Dea. Abel Baker, Troy.

Coos—

Grafton—

Hillsborough—Bro. Charles P. Richardson, Mason Village; Bro. Zebadiah Abbot, Wilton; Bro. William D. Locke, New Ipswich.

Merrimack—

Rockingham—Bro. Stephen Brown, Deerfield; Bro. William B. Carleton, Plaistow.

Strafford—

Sullivan—Dea. M. R. Emerson, Claremont.

From Dartmouth College—Rev. Prof. H. E. Parker.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

Rev. G. M. Adams, Portsmouth, Secretary.

Rev. Z. S. Barstow, Rev. William S. Karr, Pastors First Church, Keene.

Rev. I. W. Chickering, Exeter, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Derry, members of Reporting Committee.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. William H. Dean, from the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. L. H. Cobb, from the General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. John W. Mears, from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Association was organized by the choice of Rev. Prof. H. E. Parker, of Hanover, as Moderator; Rev. D. E. Adams, of Wilton, Scribe; Rev. M. T. Runnels, of Sanbornton, Assistant Scribe.

Rev. W. S. Karr, Rev. C. E. Milliken, and Bro. Zebadiah Abbot, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. H. A. Hazen, Rev. J. M. Stowe, and Dea. A. Maynard, Committee of Nominations.

Rev. George Dustan, Rev. A. Bigelow, and Bro. William D. Locke, Committee of Inquiry.

A letter was read from Rev. William R. Jewett of Fisherville, resigning as Statistical Secretary.

Voted to accept the resignation.

A committee was appointed by the chair to present a resolution of acknowledgement for the service rendered by Bro. Jewett.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

All Congregational and Presbyterian ministers, and all members of such churches present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. H. McLeod, the Pastoral Letter was read by Rev. H. A. Hazen, followed by addresses from Rev. J. F. Norton, on earnest and consecrated labor, and Rev. Z. S. Barstow, especially in reference to Dartmouth College.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Chickering, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by Rev. E. G. Parsons of Derry, followed by remarks from Rev. George Dustan, Rev. R. M. Sargent of Princeton, Mass., Rev. B. Smith and Rev. William Clark.

Rev. William H. Dean presented the salutations of the General Association of Conneeticut; Rev. L. H. Cobb, of the General Convention of Vermont—to which the Moderator felicitously responded.

A letter was read from Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D., presenting the salutations of the General Association of Oregon.

Rev. E. G. Parsons and Rev. George Dustan were appointed a Committee to prepare a report on ministers of this State deceased during the past year, to be presented in print.

Voted to adjourn to 7½ o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

After introductory exercises by Rev. L. H. Cobb of Springfield, Vermont, a sermon was preached by Rev. C. Cushing of Boston, from Neh. 3: 28. Showing the duties of Congregationalists to their own churches and denominational institutions.

WEDNESDAY, August 25.

A prayer-meeting was held from eight until nine o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. Tobey of Durham.

Nine o'clock, A M., Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Milliken.

Minutes read and approved.

Voted, That all academic and honorary titles be omitted in the minutes of this body.

Rev. J. K. Young reported on the disposition to be made of the old papers deposited in the archives of the N. H. Historical Society.

Report accepted and adopted.

Listened to reports of delegates to foreign bodies.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

Rev. I. Willey spoke in behalf of the N. H. Bible Society; Rev. C. Cushing, in behalf of the American Congregational Union; Rev. Dr. Barrows, in behalf of the Congregational Sabbath School and Publication Society; Rev. L. B. Rockwood, in behalf of the American Tract Society, (N. E. Branch); Rev. Mr. Wilder, a Missionary from Africa, in behalf of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; Rev. C. L. Woodworth, in behalf of the American Missionary Association; Capt. Andrew Bartlett, in behalf of the Seaman's Friend Society; Rev. J. S. Young, in behalf of Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund. The subject of Temperance being introduced by Rev. J. F. Norton.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to present resolutions.

Committee—Rev. J. F. Norton, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Rev. D. E. Adams.

Adjourned to meet in the house of the Second Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Gave place to the Anniversary of the New Hampshire Education Society.

. A. Tobey, Vice President, in the chair.
:r singing and prayer, the report of the Secretary, Rev.
.eeds, was read by Rev. H. E. Parker, followed by ad-
ı from Rev. I. N. Tarbox, Secretary of American Edu-
Society; Rev. L. H. Cobb, presenting the claims of
ll Union Academy; Prof. H. E. Parker, and Rev. Z.
stow.

:mbled in the house of the First Church at 4 o'clock,

.ual Meeting of the Sabbath School Society.
children occupied the central portion of the house.
:r prayer, and singing by the children, addresses were
by Rev. Messrs. Gerould, Grout, Karr, Rand, Leach,
ton, and Capt. Bartlett. Closed with prayer by Rev.
: Dustan.
ourned to 7½ o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

following questions presented and discussed:
)n the relation of Acting Pastor.
ned by Rev. H. A. Hazen, followed by Rev. Messrs.
:lder, Norton, Peabody, Tarbox, Sargent, and Smith.
)n the means of promoting better observance of the
h.
ned by Rev. S. L. Blake, followed by Rev. Messrs.
of Amherst, Clark of Claremont, Duncan, Smith, and
3uffum.
)n reaching the outlying masses of our population with
spel.
ned by Rev. J. W. Chickering of Exeter, followed by
Messrs. Karr, Dustan, Dean, Smith and Dea. Buffum.
ommittee, consisting of Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev.
Parsons, and Rev. P. B. Day,—appointed last year to
on improvements in the Constitution and Exercises of
ssociation,—reported through Rev. J. W. Chickering.
ort accepted.

Voted, To act upon each article of the proposed amendments seperately.

After prolonged discussion—

Voted, To adjourn to 9 o'clock, the following morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 26.

Prayer meeting from 8 until 9 o'clock, led by Rev. J. W. Chickering.

Met according to adjournment.

Minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution taken up and adopted.

[The Constitution as amended is published in the Minutes of this year, and the Amendments are therefore omitted here. The amendments relate to Articles II, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII. Their tenor may be seen by comparing the Constitution as published this year and last.]

Report of Committee on Nominations for 1870:

Place of meeting, Rochester.

Secretary of Sabbath Schools—Rev. George Dustan.

Committee of Nominations—Rev. J. M. Stowe, Sullivan; Rev. H. A. Hazen, Lyme; Rev. A. Tobey, Durham.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. A. F. Marsh, Rochester; Rev. H. M. Stone, Laconia; Dea. Melvin, Chester.

Essay. "How much of doctrinal confession should be required as a condition of church membership?" Rev. J. A. Leach, *Primary;* Rev. William J. Tucker, *Substitute.*

Discussion. "Would the free seat system in our houses of worship promote the prosperity of our churches?" Rev. J. W. Chickering, Rev. C. E. Milliken, Rev. J. O. Barrows, Rev. G. I. Bard.

Discussion. "Should any service take the place of the second sermon upon the Sabbath?" Rev. W. S. Karr, Rev. S. L. Blake, Rev. J. L. Tomlinson, Rev. S. P. Leeds.

Report adopted.

The Committee appointed to report upon the resignation of Rev. William R. Jewett, as Statistical Secretary, reported as follows:

Rev. William R. Jewett having resigned the office of Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, the Association gratefully acknowledge his faithful service in performing its laborious duties for several years past. We pray the Great Head of the church to raise him up from his present sickness, and continue him in his loved and responsible work of the ministry.

Adopted.

Rev. D. Mears presented the salutations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Temperance presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby re-affirm our settled conviction that total abstinence from every thing that can intoxicate is the only true temperance, and that while no moral means should be left untried for the suppression of the liquor traffic, legal prohibition is loudly called for by the highest interests of humanity and religion.

Resolved, That this body approve of a State Constabulary Police, and pledge themselves to its support when brought before the people.

Resolved, That we view with alarm the great increase in the culture and use of tobacco, and earnestly call upon all christian people to do all in their power by precept and example to dissuade our farmers from producing, and our young men, especially, from using this poisonous article.

Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES.

BODY TO BE VISITED.	TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING, 1870.	PRIMARIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
General Conference, Maine,	Tuesday before 4th Wednesday in June, (21st) Portland	Rev. Geo. Dustan	Rev. E. B. Claggett
General Convention, Vermont,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Montpelier	Pres. Asa D Smith	Rev. J. H. Edwards
General Association, Massachusetts,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Taunton	Rev. H. B. Putnam	Rev. W. T. Savage
Congregational Conference, R. I.,	Second Tuesday in June, (14th)	Rev. R. Kimball	Rev. D. D. Tappan
General Association, Connecticut,	Third Tuesday in June, (21st) Meriden	Rev. J. L. Merrill	Rev. E. E. P. Abbott
General Association, New York,	Tuesday, October 18th, Albany	Rev. J. G. Davis	Rev. G. E. Freeman
Congregational Conference, Ohio,	Second Tuesday in June, (14th) Oberlin	Rev. E. C. Cogswell	Rev. W. O. Carr
General Association, Michigan,	Third Wednesday in May, (18th) Grand Rapids	Rev. D. E. Adams	Rev. H. Mead
General Association, Illinois,	Fourth Wednesday in May, (25th) Aurora	Rev. D. E. Adams	Rev. H. Mead
General Association, Indiana,	Third Thursday in May, (19th) Kokomo	Rev. J. Chapman	Rev. L. Z. Ferris
General Association, Iowa,	First Wednesday in June, (1st) Davenport	Rev. S. S. Morrill	Rev. H. Moody
General Association, Kansas,	Second Wednesday in May, (11th) Leavenworth	Rev. L. Brigham	Rev. W. S. Karr
General Association, Nebraska,	Second Thursday in June, (9th)	Rev. L. Brigham	Rev. W. S. Karr
Presbyterian and Congregational Convention, Wisconsin,	First Wednesday in October, (5th)	Rev. A. L. Marden	Rev. Asa Mann
General Congregational Conf., Minn.,	Second Thursday in October, (13th) Northfield	Rev. E. D. Chapman	Rev. A. Tobey
General Congregational Conf., Mo.,	Third Wednesday in October, (19th) St. Louis	Rev. J. W. Chickering	Rev. F. Davis
General Association, California,	Wednesday, October 5th	Rev. J. K. Young	Rev. E. Buxton
Congregational Association, Oregon,	Third Thursday in June, (16th)	Rev. A. Bigelow	Bro. N. Jameson
Ontairo and Quebec Cong. Union,	Wednesday after first Sabbath in June, (8th)	Rev. H. McLeod	Rev. H. V. Emmons
Methodist Episcopal Conference, N. H.	April, Manchester	Rev. E. G. Parsons	Rev. J. Lanman
Baptist Convention, N. H.,	Third Wednesday in October	Rev. J. F. Norton	Rev. J. A. Leach
Free-Will Baptist Y. M., N. H.,	April	Rev. O. O. Barrows	Rev. A. B. Peabody
General Assembly, Presbyterian,	Third Tuesday in May, (17th)	Rev. H. M. Stone	Rev. C. Burnham

N. B. For fuller information of places of meeting, see *Congregational Quarterly* for January.

Voted, That the Statistical Secretary be requested to collect the statistics of the District Associations, embracing the place and time of collegiate and theological study and the date of ordination, and publish them in the Minutes of 1870, and every third year thereafter.

Voted, That the sermon before communion be dispensed with this year, neither Primary nor Substitute being present.

Rev. H. S. Huntington, of Warner, was elected Statistical Secretary and Treasurer; L. D. Stevens, Esq., was chosen Auditor.

At 10 o'clock, the Association gave way to the New Hampshire Missionary Society.

NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. B. P. Stone presided.

Prayer was offered by Rev. William H. Dean, of Connecticut.

The Treasurer's report was presented.

Accepted and adopted.

Abstracts of the Annual Report of the Secretary were read, followed by addresses from Rev. D. E. Adams of Wilton, Rev. S. L. Gerould of Goffstown, Rev. William A. Rand of South Seabrook, and Rev. J. A. Hamilton.

The Association having resumed business—

Voted, That $200.00 be raised to pay expenses for the current year.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the General Association of New Hampshire return their thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for their thoughtful attentions; to the First and Second Congregational Churches and Societies of Keene, for their generous hospitality, and to the Cheshire Railroad who have kindly furnished return passes to the members of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the moderator for the eminent ability with which he has conducted the business of this Association.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, P. M.

At 2 o'clock, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ad-

ministered,—Rev. George Dustan of Peterborough, and Rev. J. F. Norton of Fitzwilliam, officiating at the table.

The Association adjourned *sine die.*

H. E. PARKER, *Moderator.*

D. E. ADAMS, *Scribe.*

M. T. RUNNELS, *Assistant Scribe.*

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The report of the state of religion will consist mainly of the several reports from the conferences, with such condensation as may seem desirable.

The condition of the twenty-six churches in *Cheshire Conference* is reported better than last year. The Church in Swanzey are encouraged more than they have been for several years. Winchester has contributed to charitable objects three times more than the year before, besides raising money for repairs on the parsonage and for a cabinet organ. In Keene, the First Parish have a parsonage. The Second Parish have raised twenty-five thousand dollars towards their new meeting house, and contributed to benevolent objects, outside of Keene, more than double that of any other congregation in the Conference. The seats in the new house are to be free. The parish, or legal society, is composed of church members.

Almost every church in the Conference reports some conversions and additions, and several of them have had notable experience of the Divine favor in both these respects. The Second Keene reports thirty conversions and twenty added by profession, making fifty-three by profession since its organization, less than two years since, and Marlboro' thirty conversions and forty added by profession, and First Keene fifteen by profession. The churches in Winchester, Troy, Swanzey and Hinsdale report conversions and additions by profession. Four of the churches in this Conference have no minister, three of these no preaching. Rev. S. P. Cooke was settled over the Marlboro' church in June.

Coos Conference, no report.

on Conference, numbers twenty-two churches, one less
t year. Hill, by act of the Legislature, is in another
'The churches of Bridgewater, Dorchester and Thorn-
ve, in the aggregate, twenty-six members, fifteen of
re absent. Out of a membership of about two thou-
this Conference, four hundred and seventy-five are ab-
arly one-fourth. Five churches are without minis-

church at Lebanon has enjoyed the special presence of
it. Thirty-nine have been received on profession.
urches of West Lebanon and Danbury shared large-
e same blessing. Some religious interest also in Ha-
and Bath.

Liba Conant, after earnest labor with the churches of
and Groton for twenty-four years, has retired from
ervice. Dr. E. A. Lawrence has closed his labors at
and Rev. Horace Pratt at Orfordville.

church at Haverhill have secured the services of Rev.
Greeley; that of Hebron, the services of Rev. G. But-
and that of Groton, those of Rev. A. M. Fiske, for
ths from June.

church at Plymouth have made extensive repairs on
use of worship, and have also called Mr. Cyrus Rich-
of the last class of Andover, to be their pastor, which
has accepted.

boro' Conference. Material prosperity, generally, re-
The Churches in Amherst, Merrimack, Olive Street
rl Street in Nashua, Temple and New Boston, have
l their houses of worship, and the First Church in
built a chapel.

church in Mason Village has been presented with a
sonage, and those in Lyndeborough and Franklin
in Manchester, have increased the salaries of their
while those in Merrimack and Milford, and the Pearl
n Nashua, have each purchased a new organ.

deaths have occurred, those of Rev. J. H. Manning
kline, and Rev. P. B. Day, D. D., of Hollis.

Rev. Arthur Little has been dismissed from the Presbyterian Church in Bedford, and succeeded by Rev. Ira C. Tyson.

Rev. S. L. Gerould has been installed over the church in Goffstown. Rev. T. P. Sawin has closed his labors with the City Mission Church in Manchester. Rev. C. L. Hubbard has been ordained at Merrimack; Rev. Geo. E. Freeman at Milford. Rev. E. C. Hooker has been dismissed from the First Church in Nashua on account of ill health, and is soon to be succeeded by Rev. Frederick Alvord of Darien, Conn.

Bennington, Brookline, Hillsborough Bridge, Litchfield, South Merrimack, and First Church in Nashua, are without pastors.

Prayer meetings are generally sustained with the usual interest, and in some cases with increased attendance.

In two places, viz.: Nashua and Wilton, Young Men's Christian Associations have been formed, and the churches in Amherst and Mount Vernon report prayer meetings in outlying districts, supported by the lay members of the churches.

Mention is made of special religious awakening, and a condition of anxious expectancy, without any apparent results in the conversion of sinners in Amherst, Francestown, Hollis, and Pearl Street in Nashua.

The only revival reported is that which, originating in the week of prayer, was for several months in progress in New Boston, the blessed effects of which still abide in that community.

Merrimack Conference. The churches of Merrimack County have none of them enjoyed any powerful revival during the year, but several had some increase of interest in the past winter. A few report increased attendance upon public worship; some, enlargement of their Sabbath schools, and others, greater interest in the Sabbath school work.

The West and South churches in Concord, and the church in Salisbury, have installed pastors: at East Concord and Henniker they have secured acting pastors. The First and South Churches in Concord, and the church in Chichester have purchased new organs.

The First and West churches in Concord, and those in Hopkinton and Warner, have improved their houses of worship. The churches in Henniker, Pittsfield and Salisbury report some special religious interest and several conversions without having experienced what may properly be called a revival.

At Andover, where there has been a Congregational church, nearly extinct, a new society has been organized within the year, including some thirty families, a Sabbath school started and a stated supply of the pulpit secured. This new enterprise is at present flourishing, and gives prospect of growth and permanency.

At Bradford the old church is a desolation, and the past year there has been no evangelical preaching in the township. Some effort is, however, being made to establish a new enterprise at the Railroad Station which, it is hoped, may restore Congregational preaching to this people once more.

Of the remaining churches of this county, Canterbury reports decline and no resident minister; Dunbarton and Pembroke a loss of paying property; Hooksett, great need of male members in the church; Loudon, a feeble and destitute condition, greatly needing a minister willing to work hard, with small salary, looking unto Jesus for reward. The church in Tilton reports quite a temperance revival, and that in Webster declares itself "getting on quietly with good degree of prosperity," but no additions the past year.

These two points seem prominent in the reports from the churches of this county:

1. Increased interest in the Sabbath school work.

2. Almost general lack of special manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence.

To know the first is pleasant, but where is the sad cause of the other to be found? and what the remedy?

Rockingham Conference. The year has been marked by the general absence of revivals in most of the churches. A very precious awakening, however, has been enjoyed in Portsmouth, commencing about the beginning of the year. Near-

ly fifty conversions are reported. The labors of the private members of the church had much to do in securing this result. An interesting conversion is reported in Stratham, and another in Auburn, with other tokens of increased religious interest.

The reports on temperance are various in their nature. In most places the cause is in about the same condition as reported last year. In Raymond an advance has been made. In other towns the progress has been in the wrong direction.

Benevolent contributions in most of the churches have been increased. Sabbath schools and Sabbath school concerts are for the most part spoken of as being in a prosperous condition. In some of them there has been an increase of numbers. Everywhere the Sabbath school concerts appear to offer special attractions to the communities in which they are held, and in some instances are more largely attended than the ordinary meetings of the Sabbath. In Plaistow this concert takes the place of the ordinary afternoon service once a month.

In Greenland, an organization has been formed by the female members of the church, for Christian work. They propose to visit every family in town, and invite all who now stay away, to church and to Sabbath school. Already they have accomplished much good. Their example is commended to the favorable consideration and imitation of the sisters in all the churches.

Rev. James Holmes has been dismissed from his charge in Auburn, and is succeeded by Rev. J. S. Armes, and Rev. L. S. Parker is dismissed from the First Church in Derry.

A church edifice has been erected in South Seabrook, to complete which additional funds are needed.

Strafford Conference. Two pastors have been dismissed: Rev. A. S. Walker from the First Church in Dover, and Rev. R. M. Sargent from the church in Farmington. Five acting pastors have closed their labors with the following churches: Rev. J. S. Armes, at Barrington; Rev. R. Kimball, at Conway; Rev. M. Moore, at Lee; Rev. T. N. Lord, at Ossipee Centre; and Rev. S. Clark, at Wolfeborough.

Four churches have received acting pastors: Conway, E. P. Eastman, licentiate; Ossipee, Rev. D. S. Hibbard; Effingham, Rev. R. Kimball; Wolfeborough, Rev. L. Thompson.

The churches in Farmington, Rochester, Belknap and Dover, have experienced a powerful work of grace, and have been greatly enlarged and strengthened. The same is true, to some extent, of the churches in Laconia and Meredith Village. Lee, though in its infancy, reports eighteen added.

Benevolent contributions less than last year, if the Woodman legacy ($6,500) is not reckoned.

Sabbath schools in good condition,—especially those in Rochester, Lee, Belknap and Somersworth. This last has a library of one thousand volumes.

Sullivan Conference. The churches of this Conference have some of them been much blessed during the year past. Newport enjoys a state of general prosperity, and a very flourishing condition of the Sunday school. There has been much religious awakening in the town, and the Congregational church has shared in the good work with the others. They have remodeled and repaired their house of worship at a cost of about $7000; putting in a new and beautiful organ, and changing the form of the pews from square to circular; twelve new sheds for carriages have been built at a cost of $400, and a debt of $200 on the parsonage paid, sums not included in the $7000.

Acworth has lost during the year, by death and dismission, six members, and none have been received. To indicate the draft made on the church, by emigration, the records show that during the three years past, seventeen have been dismissed to other churches, and only four received by letter. The Sabbath services have been well attended, and the prayer meetings of more than usual interest, and the Sunday school prosperous.

Claremont has a new organ. The religious meetings are well attended. A Sabbath school teacher's class, numbering about forty, has been conducted by the pastor during the year, using the lesson papers in the National Sunday School Teacher, and has proved of great interest and value.

A Young Men's Christian Association, embracing members of all the Evangelical societies, except the Episcopalian, has been formed, and is now in successful operation, holding meetings in outlying districts, and awakening an unusual degree of religious interest. At some of their neighborhood meetings from twelve to sixteen have risen to be prayed for, and quite a number of conversions is reported.

Plainfield has enjoyed pulpit ministrations during the year, and the Sunday school is continued. Six members of the church have died since the 20th of last November, all of them over 65 years of age. Only three have been added during the year.

Croyden church enjoyed some revival last autumn, under the labors of Mr. William A. Spaulding of Bangor Theological Seminary. A Sunday school was gathered, and some souls renewed in righteousness. Since then, two of their most efficient members have removed from town.

Cornish has been blessed above all our churches. More religious reviving than has been for thirty years has been enjoyed there. After the week of prayer, special religious meetings were held, and the whole people were moved. Many were heard saying, "What must I do to be saved?" And the glad news of salvation was joyfully heard and received. As a result, twenty-three were added to the church by profession the 2d of May, and more are expected to come forward and join the people of God. Three years ago there were but thirty-three resident members of the church, and many of them advanced in years, and the people, generally, felt well nigh discouraged. Now, joy and hope prevail. The resident membership is more than doubled. The larger part of the congregation are professed Christians, and nine-tenths of the whole congregation are connected with the Sunday school. A new bell has been procured.

In Goshen, Rev. E. J. Whittemore, who has just been ordained over the Baptist church there, preaches half the time in the Congregational meeting-house, the two societies harmoniously uniting to pay the salary. The union is necessary

and pleasant. One has been united to the church, by profession, during the year.

Rev. B. Howe remains another year with the First Church in Lempster, and they are reasonably prosperous, with some earnest workers for Christ among them. Spiritualism has quite a hold in that region. Of the other churches, no particular reports have been received.

The number added to our churches by profession, is 542; by letter, 307; total, 849. The number removed by death, 381; dismission, 397; exclusion, 23; total, 801; making the net aggregate 18,946.

Benevolent contributions, $40,745.72; being $5,574.72 more than last year.

The members of the Sabbath schools number 23,759.

Some pleasing references are made to faithful christian labors, with their gracious results, on the part of the lay members of the churches, and particularly to the personal efforts of christian women. Nothing can be plainer than the high privilege and duty of every follower of Christ to be a laborer together with God, and to do in earnest whatsoever his or her hand findeth to do, in every department of christian effort. Labor is the universal producer of wealth, and spiritual riches are not an exception. If we would abound in these gifts, or lay up treasure in heaven, we must work for these ends, and the harder we work, if with the wisdom which is from above, the more certain we may be that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

E. G. PARSONS, *for the Committee.*

OBITUARIES.

Rev. Amos Blanchard died in Barnet, Vt., January 6, 1869, aged 68. He was son of Joel and Rebecca (George) Blanchard, and was born in Peacham, Vt., September 8, 1800. After an apprenticeship to the printing business, at twenty-one he began academic studies, and graduated from the Semi-

nary at Andover, in 1828; was ordained by the Presbytery of Cincinnati, July 27, 1831. In August, 1832, he became pastor of the Congregational Church in Lyndon, Vt.; was dismissed in 1835, spent some time at the west, and was installed pastor of the church in Warner, February 15, 1837. Removing from here in December, 1839, he was installed at Meriden, January 8, 1840, where he remained twenty-five years, being dismissed October 4, 1865.

Mr. Blanchard "was a forcible preacher, a faithful and efficient pastor, and a genial man, though not without some of the austerity of manner which characterized the ministry of the old school." He published "The Nature and Extent of the Atonement," 1831; "A Sermon on the State of the Times," 1837; "A sermon at the funeral of Rev. Benjamin Burge," 1848; "Love of Home, its Influence on Religious Character," 1853; "Christian Courtesy," 1858.

Rev. Benjamin F. Foster died at Dummerston, Vt., November 2, 1868. He was born in Hanover, N. H., June 16, 1803, a son of Richard and Esther (Jewell) Foster; graduated at Amherst College in 1829, read theology with Rev. Silas M. Keen, D. D., of Bradford, Vt., and was ordained as an Evangelist at Amoskeag, (Manchester), N. H., March, 1832, where he was then preaching. He was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Salisbury, N. H., November 13, 1833; and dismissed, on account of ill health, July 23, 1846; was installed at Dummerston, Vt., September, 1846, and remained pastor in that place until December, 1867, when his increasing infirmities obliged him to retire. From the effects of illness, and perhaps from constitutional traits, "he was often depressed, and easily overcome and discouraged by the cares of the ministry, and thought little of himself and his productions." But there was, nevertheless, "a vein of cheerfulness in his life that made him always companionable, and his home a welcome place for his friends." "He preached plainly, earnestly and ably. His christian character was solid and reliable. He was found generally at the foot of the cross, pleading for mercy as a sinner. He

was blessed with revivals in both of his fields of labor. The one in Salisbury was of great interest, and added largely to the church. He died trusting in the Saviour, whom he had preached for thirty-seven years,—the *only* Saviour of sinners and *all sufficient*."

Mr. Foster was twice married: April 29, 1832, to Miss Ruth H. Kimball, of Orange, N. H.; July, 1846, to Mrs. Mary C. Perry of Manchester, N. H., who survives him.

Rev. George W. Campbell, who died in Bradford, Mass., February 2, 1869, was born in Lebanon, N. H., in 1794, a son of Alexander and Ruth (Johnson) Campbell. He graduated at Union College in 1820, and at Princeton in 1823, and was ordained at South Berwick, Maine, November 17, 1824, colleague pastor with Rev. John Thompson. He was afterwards pastor of the Second Church in Millbury, Mass.; and minister at Bradford, Vt.; and was installed pastor at Newbury, Vt., January 27, 1836, where he remained till July 9, 1850. Removing to Haverhill, he was occupied, a considerable part of two years, preaching at Fisherville, N. H., and at Port Mills and Fairlee, Vt.; and after he made his home in Bradford, Mass., June 1, 1853, he preached at Wolfeborough, N. H., one year; Kensington, N. H., two years, and in Mechanics' Falls, Bristol and Wells, in the State of Maine. He published a dedication sermon, 1840; an ordination sermon, 1847. He married Serena J. Williams of Kennebunk, Maine, by whom he had five daughters.

Rev. John H. Manning, who died in Brookline, N. H., August 19, 1869, was born at Andover, Mass., the son of Thomas and Sarah Manning. He was fitted for college at Phillips Academy, but did not pursue his studies further in consequence of the delicate state of his health and other overruling circumstances. This disappointment was a severe trial to his sensitive nature. "It was not pride or ambition, but a burning desire to be fitted for the highest usefulness in the world, which it was such a pain to him to relinquish." There followed "years of severe and varied affliction in which the graces of unconscious christian character were largely de-

veloped and conspicuously manifested. At length, by a remarkable train of providential circumstances, he was led to resume study for the ministry." A friend in Andover adds this further grateful testimonial: "Mr. Manning was a man of unusual refinement of nature, of rare mental endowments, of eminent piety and of rich experience. He was a bright and shining light in the church here, of which he was many years a member, and his influence, both here and elsewhere, has been a lasting blessing to many souls."

Mr. Manning was regarded at Andover, "one of the strongest men of his class." He graduated in 1864; was called soon after to settle in the ministry at Ashby, Mass., but was unable to accept in consequence of the recurrence of the severe illness, "acute mania," from which he had suffered in the years before, and which afterwards terminated his earthly life. He went south and was employed as a Home Missionary at Chattanooga, and, returning, was ordained pastor of the church at Brookline, March 6, 1867. He had many special qualifications for the ministry. He had "a genial, elastic, joyous temper; was chastened and eminently sympathetic, trusting and hopeful." He was a sound scholar and had great respect for true scholarship in others; searched the Scriptures in the original tongues; was acquainted with books and the right use of them. He was naturally possessed of a good understanding and of more than average talents, and particularly of that common sense which judges correctly of common things. Moreover his mind was of a philosophical cast, and must inquire into the reasons of things and search to the bottom of alleged facts and principles. The logical faculty was in him well developed, which led to method in thought and in the presentation of the subjects of thought to other minds. Hence "the distinctness of his themes and the subordination of the parts to one end in his arrangements. He was, therefore, an instructive preacher, giving weighty thoughts in a lucid arrangement and in fitting words." He had broad views of the ministerial office, and of the influence it should exert on all the interests of society.

He appreciated the claims of christian charities, schools and public affairs, and gave to them his well considered and cordial support. He was taken from earth in the midst of his years and usefulness, but his usefulness continues in his heavenly life and all the more doubtless from the gracious result of the painful discipline he suffered here.

Mr. Manning was married to Miss Lois Ann Batchelder of North Reading, Mass.

Rev. Pliny B. Day, D. D., died in Hollis, July 6, 1869. Dr. Day was born in Huntington, Mass., April 21, 1806. He was the son of Plin and Deborah Butts Day. "He had always been a thoughtful, studious boy, most obedient and tender in his devotion to his parents," and in these respects, as in others, the boy made the man. He became connected with the church in early life; graduated at Amherst in 1834, and at Andover in 1837, and was settled in the ministry October 4, 1837, over the First Congregational Church in Derry, of which he was the first minister. Here he remained, enjoying several seasons of precious revival and ingathering, till the fall of 1850, when he resigned his pastorate and sought restoration of health and strength by change and rest and travel. The result of this temporary relief from care and recreation in new scenes, proved the wisdom of such a course.

On his return from abroad, he was enabled to accept a call from the people of Hollis, and was installed at that place pastor of the Congregational Church, July 7, 1852, and continued in that relation till his death. Here also he was blessed with much of the Divine favor in his ministry. While at Derry he had much responsibility and useful agency, as one of the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy. In 1863 he was elected a Trustee of Dartmouth College, and in 1865 was honored by that Institution with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Education, in all its branches, was among the things most cherished by him. In all his official relations, he was wise, faithful and efficient. His influence as a christian minister, and as a friend and supporter of all good aims

and enterprises, will long survive him. Dr. Day had natural endowments, which, enforced by industry, method and culture, fitted him for his career. Among these "His heart overflowing with human sympathy," was by no means the least in importance and efficacy.

Dr. Day was married to Miss Emily Haskell, of Rockport, Mass., October 22, 1839. She died in 1850. In 1852, September 8, he was married to Miss Mary Bliss Chapin, in Springfield, Mass.

It is understood that a sermon recently preached at Hollis, in commemoration of Dr. Day, is to be published. It was prepared by a sympathetic and every way competent hand, and will be gladly sought for by his numerous friends.

Rev. Moses Kimball was born in Hopkinton, July 24, 1799, where he passed his childhood; his father dying when he was only a few weeks old, leaving his widow with five children, three of whom became ministers of the gospel. His mother having married again removed to Grantham, where he lived with his father-in-law and worked on a farm. But wishing to enjoy better advantages for improvement, he gathered up all his worldly goods in a bundle, and walked to Concord, where he served an apprenticeship to the printing business in the office of the late George Hough. While in this office, he became interested in religion and united with the Congregational Church, in Concord, under the pastoral care of Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D. He now resolved to prepare for the ministry, and laid aside some of his earnings for that purpose. He fitted for college at the Academy in Bradford, Mass., and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1826. After a year spent in teaching, he entered the Theological Seminary, at Andover, and graduated in 1830. His first settlement was over the Congregational Church in West Randolph, Vt., where he was ordained January 27, 1831, and dismissed November 26, 1833. During his brief ministry here, he received nearly seventy persons into the church, the fruits of an interesting revival. His next settlement was in Hopkinton, his native town, where he was installed May 7,

1834, and after a ministry of about twelve years, was dismissed July 25, 1846. During his pastorate in Hopkinton, he experienced four seasons of revival and received one hundred and sixteen to the church by profession. Soon after his dismission, he received and declined a call from the Congregational church in Salisbury. February 25, 1847, he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Tewksbury, Mass., and dismissed May 15, 1849. In July, 1850, he returned to Vermont, and became acting pastor of the Congregational Church at Weathersfield, Bow and Ascutneyville. At the end of fifteen years, he closed his labors at the Bow, and continued to supply half the time at Ascutneyville, about two years longer, when he removed to East Haverhill, Mass., and became the stated supply of the Congregational Church in that place. Here, on the 17th of September, 1868, in the midst of his labors and an affectionate people, without a groan or consciousness of suffering, he suddenly passed away to his rest.

Mr. Kimball was married soon after his settlement in Randolph, to a daughter of the late Benjamin Bartlett, Esq., a Haverhill sheriff of Essex county. She survives him. He was a man of talents, above mediocrity. His theology was Calvinistic, of the old school type in the New England sense. He was an eminent and effective preacher, and a kind and faithful pastor.

PASTORAL LETTER.

The General Association of New Hampshire, in Annual Session at Keene—to the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches sendeth greeting:

Dearly Beloved: At the meeting of this Association in Keene, in 1815, a committee was appointed "to prepare an address to the churches." That address, published in the Minutes of 1816, was the first of a series which for fifty-four

successive years has gone out from this body to you. In them various questions of doctrine and duty, the aspects of the times and the life of the churches, have been brought to your notice. The subject of that first letter was one, the permanent importance of which, claims for it a frequent examination; and many signs of the times bid us now to recur to it, and invite your attention to the question of the ministerial supply of these churches in the future; what are its aspects, and what your own responsibilities, in reference to it?

A glance at the Triennial Catalogue of Dartmouth College may bring the subject naturally before us, and will be timely, in view of the fact that this is the centennial year of our honored college, whose relations to the churches of New Hampshire are in many ways so intimate and vital.

The proportion of the graduates, who have entered the ministry at different times, is instructive; and arranging the classes in periods of ten years, the following table gives the results:

Period.	Years.	Whole No.	Ministers.	Per Cent.
1	1771–80	99	48	49
2	1781–90	186	74	40
3	1791–1800	361	94	26
4	1801–10	337	68	20
5	1811–20	336	111	33
6	1821–30	340	108	32
7	1831–40	409	127	31
8	1841–50	572	115	20
9	1851–60	573	92	16
Whole No.	1771–1860	3213	837	26

The statistics of the classes since 1860, would be too imperfect to add to the completeness of the table. It will be seen that the clerical graduates have slightly exceeded one-fourth of the whole number; but in the earlier years, it often happened that more than half of the then smaller classes became ministers. The two members of the class of 1772, seven of the eleven members of the class of 1775, and thir-

teen of the seventeen members of the class of 1784, gave themselves to this work. About the beginning of the present century the proportion became smaller, but rose again in the next decade, under the influence of the revivals of the period, and the extending interest felt in the Home and Foreign Missionary work. Twenty of the forty-two members of the class of 1817, and one-half of the thirty-six and forty members, respectively, of the classes of 1826 and 1828, became ministers, while to the class of 1823 belongs the distinction of giving to the churches twenty-three ministers, a larger number than any other class, and more than half of its whole number. The proportion is fairly maintained from 1830 to 1840, but in the last two decades it shows a serious decline, coming down to less than one in six from 1850 to 1860.

We do not forget that Dartmouth College is not our only source of ministerial supply, and its catalogue is not to be taken as an exact account of the matter before us. But we believe that it is sufficiently accurate for our present purpose, and its lessons as near to the truth as we can well come. Probably the wide fields abroad draw upon the clerical graduates of Dartmouth more than New Hampshire can lay the graduates of other colleges under contribution to her needs, and therefore the inferences drawn from her catalogue would be more favorable than the real facts in the case would warrant. It is to be remembered, too, that the change in proportion between the clerical and other graduates of the college, does not imply an equal change in the relation they bear to the whole population, or to the spiritual needs of the State. For it is in part explained by the fact, that larger numbers in other professions and walks in life, are securing a collegiate education now, than were able or felt the need to do so seventy-five years ago.

But, with every such allowance, the suggestions of these figures, as to the growing deficiency in the ministerial supply, do undoubtedly claim the attention of our churches. We are not training our young men for the pastoral work as

rapidly as time and death are removing the fathers from us. Our own wants are not diminishing and the Macedonian call from other parts of our land and from other lands, is constantly more loud and serious; yet the number of young men who respond to it in our churches is declining. If the process goes on, the results must be disastrous. Our waste places will multiply, instead of diminishing; and the increasing difficulty, which the churches will find in securing pastoral service, will gradually transfer one and another to the list of the destitute and the dying. Instead of lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes, our Zion will be engaged in the more and more hopeless struggle to hold the ground once possessed, and much of her power for good, at home and abroad, will be taken away.

If we would be faithful, in the stewardship which Christ has committed to us, we must not fold our hands, and await the gradual, stealthy approach of results like these; but we must gird ourselves to the most practical and prayerful efforts to avert them. We cannot trust to the working of the "law of demand and supply," to meet our necessities; for often, where the need is greatest, the demand is the least, and spiritual need must furnish the controlling motive of christian endeavor. China needs missionaries of the gospel; but there is no existing demand for them, raised by the perishing millions there, and tending to call forth its own supply. Only the spirit of love to Christ, glowing in the hearts of his followers, and leading them forth in imitation of his own heavenly mission, will ever give the gospel to the millions of Chinamen; and if New Hampshire is to have, in coming years, the men she needs to preach Christ, on our hill sides and in our valleys, they must be sought in the blessing of God, upon intelligent and faithful labors directed expressly to this end of raising them up. How shall they be secured? What have the churches to do?

We may answer the question in part by recurring to words of the fathers, already alluded to; words not less fundamental in the discussion, or less appropriate, than they were fifty-four years ago.

They specify three ways in which the churches can especially aid in furnishing a larger supply of preachers of the gospel.

"In the first place," they say, "you can unite in prayer to the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest; with Him is the residue of the Spirit and he has all hearts in his hand. By his grace he can sanctify a multitude of young men and dispose them to consecrate themselves to his service in the gospel ministry. * * Never cease praying for this, while a single district or congregation shall be without a gospel minister."

"In the second place, you can ascertain who have hopeful piety and promising talents for the work. Inquiry must be made for such persons, that they may be brought forward and educated for the ministry. If either of you have a son of such promise, let him cheerfully be given to the Lord for this purpose," and more of the same import is added.

"In the third place—you can aid in furnishing the means for educating young men for the ministry. If you have a son to be educated for the work you can afford him the assistance which is in your power. If you have none, you can aid in educating others who need charitable assistance. Of such there are many, and it is a duty and a privilege to aid them in preparing to serve the Lord in holy things. * * Let this object be constantly in view and receive your warm and generous support."

To these suggestions of the fathers we may properly add, two or three were especially commended to you by later and present experience.

1. The churches may do much to increase the supply of ministers by cherishing their college and cultivating healthful and vital relations with it. Dartmouth College is the child of faith and prayer and belongs to the churches. The foremost desire of its founders was to make it a powerful instrument in advancing Christ's kingdom. They builded, too, more wisely than they knew; and it has been for these hundred years, on the whole, true to its mission. Its great

work, we need not hesitate to affirm, has been the training of young men for the service of the church, and all its contributions to other professions, to science, to literature, to philosophy, and other humanities, have been secondary.

But the amount of benefit which the churches receive from the college and its rate of ministerial production, must be measured very exactly by the intimacy of the relationship existing between them. The college must be inspired and borne up by the faith and prayers of the churches. You must feel that she belongs to you; you must cherish, guard and strengthen her, as your own property and handmaid. With a friendly jealousy you must ward off every influence which might separate or alienate, and permit no possibility of such a lapse from the faith and the life of the churches, as has befallen the most venerable institution of a sister State. You may assist in needful endowments; you can complete and multiply the proposed county and other scholarships in aid of pious young men; and in many ways you may bind the college so fast to yourselves, that no enlargement of its plans or resources, such as we trust the coming year have in store, shall abate by one iota what the college is to you, or you are to her. See to it that the atmosphere of Dartmouth is constantly and thoroughly charged with the life and piety of the churches, and you will do much to ensure the consecration of your young men to the work of preaching Christ; and to secure the devout, intelligent and faithful ministers you will need to man your own pulpits and answer the various calls of Providence upon you. Let the coming century be thus made even more fruitful than the past, of those gracious influences in which the churches and the college may alike rejoice.

2. The churches may do something to win pious young men to the ministry, by cherishing with greater care the faith of the fathers, in the dignity and permanence of the pastoral office, and checking the tendency to a loose and insecure relation between the church and its minister. In raising this point, we do not forget that the times change, and, to a cer-

tain extent, we wisely and necessarily change with them. We do not stand with reverted gaze, sighing for a past which cannot return; a past, when the minister who was not settled for life was an exception, and every child in the streets stood in trembling care, with a bow or courtesy as the dominie passed by.

But few thoughtful men will question that we have gone to an unhealthy extreme in the opposite direction. The pastorate is even becoming the exception in New Hampshire, our minutes for the last two years reporting more stated supplies than pastors, and there is an uncomfortable element of truth in the reproach that we are tending towards the itineracy of our Methodist brethren. This tendency robs the ministry of something of its character, its usefulness and its attractiveness to young men. Fruits so rich and ripe as those that cluster around a ministry like that of the honored father, for so many years the pastor of this church in Keene, and others with which our State has been blessed, form a special inspiration, and to cut off the hope of them, is to turn many worthy young men from the ministry.

3. The churches may win young men to the ministry and guard against an inadequate supply of their future needs, by advancing to a higher and juster standard of ministerial support. This is not the time or place for any extended discussion of the question, here suggested, and we have no disposition to invite you to a new chapter of "Shady-Side" literature. But the times, through which we are passing, claim for this subject your most serious attention; and that, not on account of its own gravity alone, but for its bearing on the supply of ministers hereafter.

Many young men are deterred from giving themselves to this life-work, by their knowledge of the inadequate support they would be likely to receive. They witness the constant struggle to which many a faithful pastor is subjected, to keep the wolf from the door; the effort, often so nearly hopeless, to maintain his family and educate his children, in such a manner as not to impair their self respect, or rob them of

their rightful claims on the husband and father. They see many a minister, constrained to go to this warfare, at his own charges, by drawing upon some private patrimony, or the generosity of friends, or by turning aside to other labors, to eke out a scanty salary. And, remembering that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that Christ's followers should bear one another's burdens, a sense of the injustice and wrong of the state of things in many of the churches, turns them away from a service to which they would otherwise gladly devote themselves. It will not do to say that a true man would not be influenced by such considerations. With life opening before him, and many avenues of labor, usefulness, and success inviting him to enter, to suppose that young men, and worthy men too, will not feel the force of such influences, is to think them more than human; and the churches have no right to subject them to such an ordeal in the decision.

We ask for no more than is christian and just. We desire no such scale of ministerial compensation as shall make the office a temptation to the avaricious or the lazy. But the danger does not now lie that way, and we cannot be in error in thinking that this subject claims the most serious attention of the churches. The salaries of their ministers, never over liberal, have not, with here and there an honorable exception, been raised as much as the prices of almost all commodities, and the necessary expenses of living have advanced during the last ten years. They are, too often, not commensurate with the actual ability or duty of the churches, in rendering what is just and equal to those who serve them in the Lord. And many young men are lost to the ministry because this state of things exist.

We commend the whole subject, with these suggestions, anew to your prayerful and earnest attention. May the God of all grace give you wisdom and fidelity, and reward your well-directed efforts, by raising up for you a generation of ministers, more abundantly furnished in mind and heart for their great work, than any who now serve you or have ever done so in the past.

REPORT

OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The reluctance of christian young men to enter the ministry is a matter for careful consideration, and prompt action, on the part of the church of God. First of all, doubtless, the prayer should be offered, which our Lord Himself has taught us, "that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." But this must not be all, and will not be all if we are in earnest. Christian people must turn the thoughts of religious young men to this subject. The question of duty for such, must not always be allowed to take the form, "Why should I be a minister of the Gospel?" It should often be compelled to take the form, "Why should I *not* be a minister of the Gospel?" "I, a young man, renewed by the exceeding abundant grace of our Lord, with gifts and opportunities which warrant the question, why should I not preach my Saviour's gospel?" Especially should this be pressed home upon those who have already entered upon a course of study, or have even reached college, but whose choice of a profession is not yet made. Let their friends who have influence over them kindly urge the matter upon their attention. If many, as no doubt will be or ought to be the case, shall decide upon some other vocation, many others will decide upon the ministry.

Pastors can do much in this thing. If each would preach a sermon annually, a sermon *this year*, upon the claims of the ministry, much would be accomplished. Let those claims, indeed, be presented in a discriminating manner. It cannot justly be affirmed, and ought not even to seem to be affirmed, that there are no other paths of usefulness than this. The grand inquiry is to be: "Lord, *what* wilt Thou have me to do?" But, as aiding one to determine the answer to that question, let the blessedness of the ministerial work and the

need of laborers in the harvest-field be plainly and fully set forth. Let Christ's ambassadors bear their cheerful testimony to the excellence of their calling. We hear much of the sufferings of ministers; though less perhaps than may be supposed, from ministers themselves. But on such an occasion as that of which we speak, let the other side be exhibited, and the joys and the reward of a devoted pastor be depicted out of the fullness of a grateful and loving heart.

It is most true, and we cannot safely forget it, that the *great* thing to be gained is the quickening of our piety. No efforts for the increase of the ministry will, in the end, accomplish much that is desirable, without this. We cannot expect young men to enter it in greatly increased number, except as their piety is deepened; and we cannot expect that their piety will be deepened except as that of christians generally shall be. But, while remembering this, let us not neglect to use those special efforts which the case demands. Who shall say that one chief means of deepening the piety of christians generally may not be an earnest and hearty and frequent presentation of the claims of the gospel-ministry upon the church's young men? We need in them a heroism like that which but recently took so many of them to the camp and the battle-field; and when we appeal to them for manifestations of this spirit, will not others feel the force of the appeal? And when we present "the constraining love of Christ" in order to call forth such manifestations, will not other hearts than their's be moved by the story of that love?

And yet, suffer us to repeat that the grand thing is the quickening of piety in our membership generally; and this to be secured by God's blessing upon every appropriate method. We are *all* in danger of taking false views of life, of forgetting that "*none* of us liveth to himself, and *no* man dieth to himself."

And should the church at large feel its obligations to its Lord as it ought to feel them, our young men would catch the blessed influence. We cannot expect them to rise higher than the level on which their fathers and brothers move; but

surround them with an *atmosphere* of earnest, glowing consecration to the Lord Jesus, and they could not but feel its power, and then if God should so appoint, they would rejoice to enter the ministry of His son. We should not need to ply them with considerations of duty; for they would recognize duty by its other and christian name of privilege. We should not need to hint at the account to be rendered at the great day; they would be occupied with the thought of what would please their Heavenly Father and dear Redeemer and blessed Comforter. Let us then ourselves, and all of us, cultivate this style of piety, and we shall be prepared—and we cannot otherwise be prepared—really to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.

It only remains to state that eight young men in Dartmouth College have been aided by the American Education Society, during the past year; and that its Treasury has received in the State about $300.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. LEEDS, *Secretary.*

August 25, 1869.

MINISTERS' AND WIDOWS' CHARITABLE FUND.

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SHADRACH SEAVEY, TREASURER, in account with
Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund.

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1868.	June 3.	The funds of the Corporation were,	$694 83
		Receipts during the year were:	
	June 16.	Contributed by Cong'l Church, Henniker,	12 00
		Rev. J. M. R. Eaton,	1 00

1868.	June 22.	Cong'l Church, Webster,	20 08
	24.	Cong'l Church, Pittsfield,	4 56
	July 17.	Cong'l Church, Dunbarton,	10 00
	Aug. 18.	Cong'l Church, Chichester,	3 50
	24.	General Association,	63 68
		John Moony, Sanbornton Bridge,	5 00
		First Church, Derry,	12 00
	Dec. 1.	Church, Sanbornt'n Bridge,	20 00
	3.	Church, Sanbornton,	20 00
1869.	Jan. 6.	Church, Lyme,	12 00
	7.	Rev. B. P. Stone,	1 00
		South Church, Concord,	35 24
		Cong'l Church, Kensington,	6 00
		Cong'l Church, Pembroke,	7 67
		Cong'l Church, Salmon Falls,	7 00
	22.	Cong'l Church, Goffstown,	16 70
	23.	Cong'l Church, Hopkinton,	8 03
		Cong'l Church, Farmington,	9 30
		Rev. R. M. Sargent,	1 00
		Cong'l Church, Epping,	12 50
	Apr. 15.	First Church, Manchester,	25 00
		Interest dividends,	46 53
			$1054 62
	Amount of fund June 2, 1869,		$1042 62

			Cr.
1868.	Oct. 10.	Paid premium on bond,	$9 00
		Rev. W. R. Jewett, per order,	1 50
		For postage stamps, &c.,	1 50
			$12 00

SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.

I have this day examined the accounts of S. Seavey, Treasurer of the Ministers' and Widows' Charitable Fund, and find it well vouched and correctly cast, and find that there is a balance carried to income account of three hundred and forty seven dollars and seventy-nine cents ($347.79), and that it is safely and well invested in U. S. Bonds and in the N. H. Savings Bank.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, Auditor.

Concord, May 31, 1869.

SHADRACH SEAVEY, TREASURER, in account with

Widows' Charitable Fund.

			Dr.
1868.	June 3.	Funds of the Corporation were,	$2,739 47
		The receipts during the year were:	
		Contributed by Hon. F. N. Fisk,	1 00
	Oct. 9.	Ladies of Exeter,	30 00
1869.	Apr. 5.	Cong'l Church, Bath,	12 34

).	Apr. 22.	Piscatuqua Association,	6 00
		Cong'l Church, Pittsfield,	9 30
		Dividends of interest,	180 03
			$2,978 14
mount of funds June 2, 1869,			$2,758 14

			Cr.
.	July 15.	By paid Mrs. S. C. French,	$20 00
		A. G. Jaquith,	20 00
		Abby Lawton,	20 00
		S. M. B. Hutchinson,	20 00
		Clarisa E. Merrill,	20 00
		S. O. A. Fifield,	20 00
		Sarah P. Caswell,	20 00
		Elizabeth J. Bridge,	20 00
		Mary C. Boutwell,	20 00
		E. S. Farwell,	20 00
		H. E. Whitemore,	20 00
			$220 00

SHADRACH SEAVEY, Treasurer.

ıave this day examined the accounts of S. Seavey, Treasurer of Widows' Charitable Fund, and find it well vouched and correct-ıst, and there is a balance of eighteen dollars and sixty-seven s carried to new account. I find the Permanent Fund to amount venty-seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars and fourteen cents, 758.14), and that it is well and safely invested in Northern Rail- Stock, State and City Bonds, and the N. H. Savings Bank.

BENJAMIN P. STONE, Auditor.

ɔncord, May 31, 1869.

ɹLIAM R. JEWETT, in account with

General Association of New Hampshire.

			Dr.
.	Aug. 29.	To balance in Treasury,	$204 31
		From Strafford Conference,	50
		From Merrimack Conference,	2 00
		Coos Conference, 1868,	5 00
.	May 14.	Grafton Conference, 1869,	24 00
	June 14.	Hillsboro' Conference, 1869,	14 00
	21.	Rockingham Conference, 1869,	36 00
	July 12.	Sullivan Conference, 1869,	14 00
	26.	Cheshire Conference, 1869,	24 00
	Aug. 19.	Merrimack Conference, 1869,	32 00
			$385 84

			Cr.
1868.	Aug. 27.	By J. G. Davis' account paid,	$6 67
	Dec. 2.	Stamps for Minutes,	17 00
		Postage and Stationary to date,	3 50
		Wrapping and mailing Minutes,	4 50
	24.	Express charges,	2 50
	27.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing,	173 16
1869.	Apr. 29.	Morrill & Silsby,	5 10
	Aug. 19.	Express and postage,	3 12
			$215 45
1869.	Aug. 21.	Balance in Treasury,	170 39
			$385 84

This may certify that I have carefully examined the above account, and find the same correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

L. D. STEVENS, Auditor.

Concord, Nov. 1, 1869.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

I. BELKNAP ASSOCIATION.

ed April 20th, 1841. CHARLES BURNHAM, Scribe.

ames of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Benson,	Center Harbor	Dec. 23, 1840	Without charge
Blake,	Gilmanton Center,	March 3, 1841	Pastor
Blakely,	Campton,	Feb. 16, 1859	Pastor
Burnham,	Meredith,	Nov. 7, 1841	Pastor
onant,	Orford,	May 29, 1823	Without charge
B. Hadley,	Campton,	Sept. 20, 1838	Without charge
ardson,	Plymouth,	Sept. 30, 1839	Pastor
unnells,	Sanbornton,	Aug. 13, 1856	Pastor
agrave,	Wentworth,	Dec. 3, 1851	Acting Pastor
tone,	Laconia,	Nov. 2, 1848	Pastor
onng, D, D.,	Hopkinton,	Sept. 24, 1829	Acting Pastor

S OF MEETING—Tuesday before the last Sabbath in January and October ond Tuesday of May and August.

II. DERRY AND MANCHESTER ASSOCIATION.

ed August 19th, 1779. LAUREN ARMSBY, Scribe.

ames of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Armsby,	Candia,	May 27, 1846	Acting Pastor
us Berry,	Pelham,	Oct. 30, 1861	Pastor
m Burnham.	Hooksett,	Sept. 30, 1857	Acting Pastor
Gerould,	Goffstown,	Oct. 3, 1861	Pastor
Holmes,	Fisherville,	June 22, 1842	Acting Pastor
House,	Londonderry,	Oct. 7, 1857	Pastor
L. Hubbard.	Merrimack,	Sept. 2, 1868	Pastor
M. Kellogg.	Manchester,	Oct. 26, 1842	Bookseller
Lanman,	Windham,	June 2, 1868	Pastor
age,	Atkinson,	Sept. 16, 1835	Acting Pastor
d S. Parker.	Oberlin, O.,	Dec. 16, 1857	Fin. Ag't Ob. Col.
arsons,	Derry.	Oct. 4, 1837	Pastor
re C. Pratt.	Hampstead,	June 21, 1859	Pastor
awin,	Manchester,	April 19, 1843	Acting Pastor
omlinson,	Chester,	Oct. 1, 1863	Pastor
Tucker,	Manchester,	Jan. 24, 1857	Pastor
W. Wallace, D. D.,	Manchester,	Jan. 8, 1840	Pastor
Villey,	Pembroke,	Jan. 18, 1825	Sec. N.H. Bib.Soc

S OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October. rhill Association was formed August 19, 1779. It was voted to change the o Derry Association May 7, 1834. Derry Association and Manchester Asso- (formed January 13, 1846,) united February 5, 1861.

III. HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

ed March 4, 1834. SAMUEL H. RIDDEL, Scribe.

ames of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
iel Barker,	Wakefield,	Nov. 1, 1826,	Without charge
Dodd,	Milton,	Dec. 23, 1843,	Acting Pastor
S V. Haines.	North Hampton,	Feb. 1, 1861,	Acting Pastor
olmes.	Long Island,	Sept. 8, 1842,	Acting Pastor
Kimball.	North Conway,	Jan. 27, 1841,	Acting Pastor
H. Riddel,	Tamworth,	June 27, 1827,	Pastor
Wood,	Gilsum,	1839,	Acting Pastor
Wood,	Wolfborough,	1840.	Agt. A. & F. C. U.

S OF MEETING.—Third Tuesday of January and second Tuesday of May, nd October.

IV. HOLLIS ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 5, 1762. D. E. ADAMS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
D. E. Adams,	Wilton,	Dec. 5, 1860	Pastor
William Clark,	Amherst,	April 30, 1828	Sec. N. H. H.M.S.
J. G. Davis, D. D.,	Amherst,	May 22, 1844	Pastor
Walter Follett,	Temple,	Oct. 17, 1832	Without charge
D. E. Frink,	New Boston,	1862	Pastor
William L. Gaylord,	Nashua,	Sept. 14, 1860	Pastor
Daniel Goodwin,	Mason,	Feb. 27, 1839	Pastor
George Goodyear,	Temple,	July 22, 1828	Without charge
S. H. Keeler, D. D.,	Mount Vernon,	Oct. 15, 1829	Acting Pastor
Hiram Mead,	Oberlin, O.,	Sept. 29, 1858	Prof. Ober. Coll.
George F. Merriam,	Mason Village,	March 7, 1865	Pastor
Jonathan McGee,	Nashua,	June 30, 1819	Without charge
Humphrey Moore, D. D.,	Milford,	Aug. 3, 1802	Without charge

TIMES OF MEETING—First Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

V. HOPKINTON ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 29th, 1788. F. D. AYER, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
F. D. Ayer,	Concord,	May 1, 1861	Pastor
G. I. Bard,	Dunbarton,	Oct. 17, 1860	Pastor
S. L. Blake,	Concord,	Dec. 7, 1864	Pastor
N. Bouton, D. D.,	Concord,	March 23, 1825	Historian of N.H.
E. Buxton,	Webster,	April 10, 1836	Pastor
J. B. Cook,	Salisbury,	Dec. 18, 1850	Pastor
C. Curtice,	Tilton,	Oct. 5, 1843	Pastor
J. M. R. Eaton,	Medfield, Mass.,	Jan. 9, 1845	Acting Pastor
A. W. Fiske,	Fisherville,	May 8, 1833	Without charge
H. S. Huntington,	Warner,	Jan. 31, 1866	Pastor
W. R. Jewett,	Fisherville,	Jan. 8, 1837	Pastor
H. A. Kendall,	East Concord,	Oct. 21, 1840	Without charge
S. Ketchum,	Bristol,	Sept. 17, 1867	Pastor
Benjamin Merrill,	Pembroke,	June 7, 1864	Pastor
H. Moody,	East Andover,	Nov. 22, 1843	Acting Pastor
S. S. Morrill,	Henniker,	May 12, 1859	Acting Pastor
H. B. Putnam,	West Concord,	Oct. 28, 1868	Pastor
W. T. Savage, D. D.,	Franklin,	Oct. 3, 1838	Pastor
George Smith,	East Concord,	August 9, 1853	Acting Pastor
Benjamin P. Stone, D. D.,	Concord,	May 26, 1831	Without charge

TIMES OF MEETING—Third Tuesday of January, May, August and October.

VI. LANCASTER ASSOCIATION.

Formed August 13, 1833. H. V. EMMONS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
H. V. Emmons,	Lancaster,	Nov. 15, 1860	Pastor
Henry Farrar,	Lancaster,	Nov. 6, 1867	Evangelist
Hugh McLeod,	Colebrook,	June 27, 1855	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MELTING—First Tuesday of February, May and October.

This Association includes also several neighboring ministers of Vermont. The "North Association of Connecticut River" was formed August 13, 1833. August 15, 1834, the name was changed to Lancaster Association.

VII. MONADNOCK ASSOCIATION.

at Jaffrey, August 5th, 1793. ELIJAH HARMON, Scribe.

es of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
sden,	New Alstead,	Jan. 12, 1856	Pastor
tow, D. D.,	Keene,	July 1, 1818	Without charge
m,	Troy,	March 15, 1837	Acting Pastor
	Jaffrey,	May 5, 1842	Pastor
laggett,	Westmoreland,	Oct. 27, 1830	Acting Pastor
burn,	Roxbury,	1869	Acting Pastor
s,	Marlborough,	1869	Pastor
ncan.	Nelson,	June 13, 1821	Without charge
d,	Alstead Centre,	1866	Pastor
n,	Winchester,	1867	Pastor
r,	Keene,	1854	Pastor
h,	Keene,	1864	Pastor
,	Marlborough,	Jan. 11, 1832	Without charge
on,	Fitzwilliam,	1844	Pastor
mer,	Harrisville,	1867	Pastor
erts,	Swanzey,	1861	Insurance Agent
ve,	Sullivan,	Jan. 31, 1855	Acting Pastor
	Nelson,	1845	Acting Pastor
	Gilsum,	1839	Acting Pastor

F MEETING—Second Tuesday of May, August and October.

VIII. ORANGE ASSOCIATION.

October 7, 1801. WM. S. PALMER, Wells River, Vt., Scribe.

es of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
eley,	Haverhill,	Nov. 7, 1849	Acting Pastor
D. D.,	Hanover,	May 22, 1814	Without Charge
,	Bath,	June 19, 1844	Pastor
rden,	Piermont,	May 30, 1861	Pastor
iken,	Littleton,	Sept. 28, 1860	Pastor
nith, D. D.,	Hanover,	Nov. 2, 1834	Pres. Dart. Coll.

F MEETING—First Tuesday of February, May and October. This Asso-
s, from the first, been composed of ministers from both Vermont and
pshire. Originally, the territory included within its limits was quite ex-
eaching from Danville, Vt., on the North, to Newport, N. H., on the South,
West as Berlin, Vt.

IX. PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION.

October 24, 1787. SYLVANUS HAYWARD, South Berwick, Me, Scribe.

es of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
. Adams,	Portsmouth,	Sept. 18, 1851	Pastor
rows,	Exeter,	June 9, 1864	Pastor
artlett,	South Newmarket,	October 7, 1847	Acting Pastor
Bixby,	Kingston,	June 30, 1853	Acting Pastor
Chickering, Jr.,	Exeter,	Sept. 19, 1860	Pastor
ane,	Exeter,	May 29, 1839	Book Agent
Davis,	Newington,	October 6, 1847	Acting Pastor
D. Eldredge,	Kensington,	April 4, 1833	Pastor
arland,	Hampton,	1847	Farmer
l V. Haines,	North Hampton,	Feb. 1, 1861	Acting Pastor
kell,	Dover,	1860	Acting Pastor
ch,	Rye,	Feb. 6, 1833	Acting Pastor
sh,	Rochester,	Oct. 31, 1867	Pastor
Otis,	Exeter,	July 10, 1825	Acting Pastor
Peabody,	Seabrook,	May 24, 1860	Acting Pastor
Robie,	Greenland,	Feb. 25, 1852	Pastor
. Robie,	Salmon Falls,	Oct. 25, 1859	Acting Pastor
. Spalding,	Dover,	Oct. 5, 1861	Pastor
Stearns,	Epping,	Nov. 6, 1844	Acting Pastor
. Thompson,	Stratham,	April 29, 1840	Farmer
bey,	Durham,	Nov. 20, 1833	Pastor
. Watson,	Dover,	July 11, 1867	Pastor
White,	Newmarket,	Oct. 23, 1850	Acting Pastor

F MEETING—*Third* Tuesday of January, April, July and October. This
n includes also several neighboring ministers of Maine.

X. SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 26, 1829. CHARLES A. DOWNS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
E. E. P. Abbott,	Meriden,	May 6, 1868	Pastor
Philander Bates,	Cornish,	Feb. 20, 1840	Acting Pastor
B. R. Catlin,	Meriden,	Feb. 21, 1865	Farmer
Edward W. Clark,	Claremont,	January 1, 1850	Pastor
Charles A. Downs,	Lebanon,	May, 1849	Pastor
J. L. Merrill,	Acworth,	Oct. 12, 1890	Pastor
Jacob Scales,	Plainfield,	Dec. 27, 1820	Without Charge
G. R. W. Scott,	Newport,	Sept. 17, 1868	Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, May, July and October.

XI. SUNCOOK ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1809. WILLIAM O. CARR, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
Jeremiah Blake,	Gilmanton I. Wk's,	Nov. 1. 1838	Acting Pastor
W. O. Carr,	Barnstead Parade,	Feb. 13, 1861	Acting Pastor
Jacob Chapman,	Deerfield,	June 23, 1845	Pastor
E. C. Cogswell,	Northwood,	Nov. 3, 1842	Acting Pastor
L. Z. Ferris,	Pittsfield,	Nov. 30, 1865	Pastor
Mark Gould,	Chichester,	Oct. 8, 1851	Acting Pastor
Charles Peabody,	Epsom,	Dec. 10, 1841	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

XII. UNION ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1812. GEORGE DUSTIN, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
J. H. Bates,	At the South,	March 16, 1853	Acting Pastor
Asahel Bigelow,	Hancock,	March 12, 1828	Pastor
E. B. Claggett,	Lyndeborough,	Sept. 30, 1846	Pastor
Charles Cutler,	Wayne, Michigan,	Nov. 18, 1857	Acting Pastor
George Dustin,	Peterborough,	Oct. 19, 1859	Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of May, August and October. Winter meeting not regular.

XIII. WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Formed 1863. JOHN H. EDWARDS, Scribe.

Names of Members.	Residences.	Ordained.	Employment.
J. H. Edwards,	West Lebanon,	Feb. 4, 1863	Pastor
V. T. Hartshorne,	Enfield,	Jan. 16, 1865	Acting Pastor
H. A. Hazen,	Lyme,	Feb. 17, 1858	Pastor
S. P. Leeds,	Hanover,	June 18, 1851	Pastor
D. J. Noyes, D. D.,	Hanover,	May 3, 1837	Prof. Dart. Coll.
W. A. Packard,	Hanover,	Licentiate, 1857	Prof. Dart. Coll.
H. E. Parker,	Hanover,	March 13, 1849	Prof. Dart. Coll.
John C. Proctor,	Hanover,	Lic. Sept. 14, '69	Tutor Dart. Coll.
Heman Rood,	Hanover,	June 12, 1826	Without Charge.
E. D. Sanborn, LL. D.,	Hanover,	Lic. Nov. 1, '36	Prof. Dart. Coll.
B. Smith,	Hanover Centre,	May 13, 1829	Acting Pastor

TIMES OF MEETING—Second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November; except that the March meeting is sometimes a week later.

The New Hampshire White River Association was formed in 1863, for the purpose of securing representation in the General Association. Its meetings, however, are held with the Association of the same name in Vermont, which was formed much earlier.

1. CHESHIRE CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Di.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alstead Center (1st),	A. D. 1777	A. C. Field,	A. D. 1866	A. D. 1866	9	27	36	8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	$26 00
Alstead, New (2d),	1788	S. H. Amsden,	1856	1867	29	47	76	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	70	63 75
Alstead (3d),	1842	F. B. Knowlton,	1865	S. S. 1867	5	20	25	7	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	72	23 45
Chesterfield,	1777	None.			5	17	22	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	00 00
Dublin,	1827	A. J. Foslick,	1864	S. S. 1866	5	10	15	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	55	35 05
Fitzwilliam,	1771	John F. Norton,	1844	1868	37	103	140	16	2	2	4	2	5	0	7	1	2	265	226 22
Gilsum,	1772	Horace Wood,	1839	S. S. 1866	13	31	44	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	100 00
Harrisville,	1840	Chas. M. Palmer,	1868	1868	13	18	31	2	1	7	8	1	0	0	1	1	0	88	130 88
Hinsdale,	1821	J. S. Batchelder,	1858	1866	44	89	133	6	1	3	4	3	2	0	5	1	2	150	212 00
Jaffrey,	1780	Rufus Case,	1842	1867	25	80	105	28	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	2	130	117 75
Jaffrey, East,	1850	C. W. Allen,	1833	S. S. 1863	18	47	65	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	106	75 00
Keene, (1st),	1738	Z S Barstow DD Pa'r Emeritus, W. S. Karr,	1818	1818	42	178	220	16	15	25	40	1	8	0	9	10	4	510	426 00
			1854	1868															
Keene, (2d),	1867	J. A. Leach,	1864	1869	70	127	197	8	24	12	36	3	0	0	3	19	5	307	827 35
Marlborough,	1788	Silas P. Cook,	1869	1869	33	78	111	26	10	1	11	5	4	0	9	8	1	179	121 42
Nelson,	1781	Charles Willey,	1845	S. S. 1869	33	43	76	11	0	0	0	2	9	0	11	0	1	100	54 50
Rindge,	1765	None.			53	111	164	13	8	0	8	3	5	1	9	5	2	238	236 22
Roxbury,	1816	H. H. Colburn,	1869	S. S. 1868	4	9	13	1	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	5	0	47	00 00
Stoddard,	1787	Dan'l F. Savage,	1861	S. S. 1869	11	35	46	19	1	1	2	1	8	0	9	1	5	130	61 20
Sullivan,	1792	J. M. Stow,	1855	S. S. 1863	32	55	87	13	1	3	4	2	1	0	3	0	1	120	125 00
Surry,	1837	Suppl'd by Meth.			1	12	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	00 00
Swanzey,	1741	Wm. H. Cutler,	1865	S. S. 1868	17	46	63	7	3	4	7	1	2	0	3	3	0	126	59 76
Troy,	1815	Levi Brigham,	1837	S. S. 1868	21	29	50	11	3	3	6	2	3	0	5	1	2	96	160 00
Walpole,	1761	L. Dickerman,	1858	S. S. 1868	16	69	85	18	0	5	5	2	1	0	3	0	1	111	171 08
Westmoreland,	1764	E. F. Abbott,	1846	S. S. 1868	22	56	78	24	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	90	29 25
" Evang.,	1852	None.			5	20	25	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	00 00
Winchester,	1736	Elijah Harmon,	1867	1867	60	122	182	38	8	5	13	6	2	0	8	3	1	238	380 50
					623	1479	2102	327	86	75	161	46	53	2	101	58	32	3465	$3,656 38

Churches, 26; Pastors, 11; Stated Supplies, 12; Vacant, 3.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. T. W. Duncan, Nelson, ordained 1821; Jeffries Hall, Chesterfield, ordained 1833; Edwin Jennison, Winchester, ordained 1831; A. W. Burnham, D. D., Keene, ordained, 1821; Thomas E. Roberts, Swanzey, ordained 1861; Wm. Claggett, Westmoreland, ordained 1830.

J. M. STOW, SULLIVAN, Statistical Secretary.

2. COOS (AND ESSEX, VT.) COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Names.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bethlehem,	1802	None.			6	5	11	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Colebrook,	Oct. 1, 1802	Hugh McLeod,	J'e, 27, 1855	Nov. 1, 186[illegible]	17	32	49	7	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	1	0	68	$214 57
Dalton,	April 28, 181[illegible]	Henry Farrar,	Nov. 6, 1867	S. S. 186[illegible]	6	23	29	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	9 11
Franconia,	April, 1814	Rev. Mr. Durgin,	F. W. Bap.		5	9	14	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	00 00
Gorham,	Mar. 18, 1862	G. F. Tewksbury,	Jan. 31, 1838	S. S. 185[illegible]	4	31	35	8	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	8	4	65	40 00
Lancaster,	1794	H. V. Emmons,	Nov. 15, 1860	Sept. 27, '65	37	107	144	28	2	1	3	2	4	0	6	1	3	125	168 00
Littleton,	1803	C. E. Milliken,	Sept. 1860	Sept. 28, '66	33	96	129	18	1	1	2	4	2	0	6	0	0	140	302 00
Shelburne,	Aug. 26, 1818	None.			0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
West Stewartstown,	July 1, 1846	N. C. Cobleigh,	Licentiate,		7	20	27	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	34	00 00
					115	326	441	73	16	3	19	10	8	0	18	12	7	582	$733 68

Churches, 9; Pastors, 2; Stated supplies, 4; Vacant, 2.
Gorham has its Conference connections with neighboring Maine Churches.

H. V. EMMONS, Statistical Scribe.

☞ Omitted under Hillsborough Table for want of room. ☜

* Including Legacies, $2,500.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Jonathan McGee, Nashua, ordained June 30, 1819; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford, ordained Aug. 3, 1808; William Clark, Amherst, Secretary N. H. Missionary Society, ordained April 30, 1828; Walter Follett, Temple, ordained Oct. 17, 1832; Samuel B. Bradford, Francestown, ordained June, 1822; Geo. Goodyear, Temple, ordained July, 1828; Samuel Lee, New Ipswich, ordained Nov. 4, 1830; H. G. Park, Hancock; E. M. Kellogg, Manchester, ordained Oct. 26, 1842; Daniel Sawyer, Merrimack, T. P. Sawin, Manchester, ordained April 19, 1843; S. M. Blanchard, Hudson, ordained Oct. 27, 1853.

WILLIAM L. GAYLORD, Statistical Secretary.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Bath,	1778	Asa Mann,	Jan. 19, 1844	Aug. 17, '67	21	90	111	18	7	1	8	0	3	0	3	3	31	160	$200 00
Bridgewater,	Feb. 1, 1818	None.			1	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Bristol,	Nov. 15, 1826	Silas Ketchum,	Sept. 17, '67	S. S. 1867	17	41	58	11	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	96 78
Campton,	June 1, 1774	Quincy Blakely,	Feb. 16, '59	June29, 1864	33	66	99	15	4	0	4	5	0	0	5	1	0	165	312 47
Canaan,	1803	J. H. O'Brien,	Licentiate,	S. S. 1868	4	17	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	15 00
Danbury,	Jan. 29, 1809	John LeBosquet,	Sept. 21, '36	S. S. 1866	32	42	74	10	12	1	13	1	2	0	3	7	2	75	40 00
Dorchester,	May 20, 1829	None.			3	6	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1 00
Enfield,	May 26, 1826	V. J. Hartshorne,	Jan. 1865	S. S. 1866	8	26	34	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	22 00
Groton,	Nov. 9, 1803	Ziba Conant,	May 29, '23	S. S. 1845	11	15	26	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	58	00 00
Hanover, Dart. Col.,	July 2, 1805	S. P. Leeds,	Jan. 18, '51	July 10, '61	102	136	238	115	0	1	1	3	5	0	8	0	0	120	555 75
Hanover Center,	May 16, 1810	Bezaleel Smith,	May 13, '29	S. S. 1861	26	63	89	24	8	4	12	0	4	0	4	7	2	102	57 10
Haverhill,	Oct. 13, 1790	Edw. H. Greely,	Nov. 7, 1849	S. S. 1868	53	132	185	37	2	7	9	2	2	0	4	1	0	125	184 96
Hebron,	1797	Geo. Butterfield,	Jan. 5, 1839	S. S. 1868	3	10	13	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	15 00
Lebanon,	Sept. 29, 1768	Chas. A. Downs,	May, 1849	Nov. 22 1849	50	126	176	10	39	2	41	1	8	0	9	17	1	150	$26 00
Lebanon, West,	1849	J. H. Edwards,	1863	1863	54	93	147	10	16	2	18	3	4	0	7	9	1	217	568 52
Lyme, Cong. & Pres.	May 22, 1771	Henry A. Hazen,	Feb. 17, 1859	1868	102	194	296	83	1	4	5	5	11	0	16	1	1	183	720 53
Orfordville,	Aug. 27, 1770	Nathan F. Carter	1867	S. S. 1869	14	31	45	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0		15 00
Orford, West,	1822	None.			18	46	64	28	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	75	17 65
Piermont,	1803	A. L. Marden,	May 30, 1861	May 30, 1861	39	70	109	38	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	90	121 52
Plymouth,	1764	C. Richardson,	Sept. 30, '69	Sept. 30. '69	26	90	116	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136	115 00
Thornton,	Apr. 11, 1780	None.			3	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		00 00
Wentworth,	1830	Jas. C. Seagrave,	1851	S. S. 1865	13	49	62	11	2	0	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	168 00
					633	1357	1989	485	92	25	117	31	51	0	82	47	40	2052	3572 28

Churches, 22; Pastors, 8; Stated Supplies, 10; Vacant, 4.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. James B. Hadley, Campton, ordained Sept. 20, 1838; C. W. Richardson, Canaan, ordained Nov. 2, 1835; Daniel Pulsifer, Danbury, ordained July, 1834; Nathan Lord, D. D., Hanover, Ordained May 22, 1814; Heman Rood, Hanover, ordained June 12, 1826; Asa D. Smith, D. D., Hanover, ordained Nov. 2, 1834; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., Hanover, ordained May 3, 1837; William Spaulding, Hanover, ordained July, 1848; Henry E. Parker, D. D., Hanover, ordained March 13, 1849; John Clark, Plymouth ordained Jan. 23, 1835; Edwin D. Sanborn, LL. D., Hanover, Licentiate, Nov. 1, 1836; William A. Packard, Hanover, Licentiate, 1857.

QUINCY BLAKELY, Statistical Secretary.

4. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions			Removal.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Amherst,	Sept. 22, 1741	J. G. Davis, D. D.	May 22, 1844	May 22, '44	66	152	218	23	2	1	3	4	5	0	9	2	2	189	3367 28*
Antrim, Pres.,	1788	W. R. Cochrane,	Mar. 18, '69	Mar. 18, '69	49	74	123	25	5	1	6	3	5	0	8	4	3	180	75 00
Bedford, Pres.,	1750	Ira. C. Tyson,	Oct. 7, 1862	May 6, 1869	61	129	190	25	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	1	300	264 75
Bennington,	July 10, 1839	None.			18	34	52	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	13 31
Brookline,	Dec. 10, 1795	F. D. Sargent,		1869	22	36	58	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	32 20
Deering,	Dec. 24, 1759	Morris Holman,	Jan. 15, 1845	S. S. 1863	8	30	38	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	37 60
Francestown,	March 8, 1773	A. Richards, D.D.	Nov. 7, 1827	S. S. 1866	97	182	279	54	10	2	12	5	5	0	10	4	2	350	880 40
Goff-town,	Dec. 29, 1801	S. L. Gerould,	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 4, 1869	37	104	141	22	2	4	6	10	13	2	25	2	0	210	230 53
Greenfield,	May 28, 1867	S. H. Partridge,	May 10, 1853	S. S. 1869	30	60	90	8	0	1	1	6	3	0	9	0	0	120	135 00
Hancock,	Aug. 28, 1768	A. Bigelow,	Mar. 12, '28	May 15, 1850	48	94	142	32	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	1	200	258 44
Hillsboro' Bridge,	April 26, 1839	None.			22	59	81	9	3	5	8	3	1	0	4	1	0	100	00 00
Hillsboro' Center,	Oct. 12, 1769	John Adams,	June, 1841	S. S. 1861	15	25	40	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	60	22 50
Hollis,	1743	P. B. Day, D. D.	Oct. 4, 1837	July 7, 1852	85	141	226	20	0	0	0	6	2	0	8	0	0	274	673 40
Hudson,	Sept. 9, 1841	None.			17	42	59	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		00 00
Litchfield, Pres.,	July 3, 1841	None.			2	8	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	3 00
Lyndeborough,	Dec. 5, 1757	E. B. Claggett,	Sep. 30, '46	Sep. 30, 1846	38	59	97	17	1	2	3	2	2	1	5	0	0	158	
Manchester, 1st.,	May 28, 1828	C.W.Wallace, DD	Jan. 8, 1840	Jan. 8, 1840	137	347	484	90	10	11	21	6	12	0	18	5	3	767	2272 29
do Franklin St.,	June 27, 1844	W. J. Tucker,	Jan. 24, '67	Jan. 24, '67	64	196	260	40	11	6	17	2	6	0	8	7	0	627	1737 00
Mason, 1st.,	Nov. 13, 1772	Daniel Goodwin,	Feb. 27, '39	Apr. 18, '60	34	57	91	18	0	0	0	1	2	3	6	0	1	112	18 50
Mason Village,	June 3, 1847	Geo. F. Merriam,	Mar. 9, 1865	Mar. 9, 1865	38	74	112	9	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	2	1	92	143 55
Merrimack, 1st.,	Sept. 5, 1771	C. L. Hubbard,	Sept. 2, 1868	Sep. 2, 1868	51	108	159	34	1	8	9	0	4	0	4	0	0	180	102 40
Merrimack, South,	Oct. 21, 1829	None.			8	18	26	10	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	20 45
Milford,	Nov. 19, 1798	Geo. E. Freeman,	1858	Dec. 23, '68	73	177	250	15	1	10	11	4	0	0	4	0	0	410	601 10
Mount-Vernon,	1780	S. H. Keeler, D.D.	Oct. 1829	S. S. 1868	48	118	166	38	5	3	8	5	2	0	7	3	1	140	141 25
Nashua, 1st.,	1685	Fred'k Alvord,	July 21, '58	July 6, 1869	77	358	435	66	0	2	2	3	8	0	11	0	2	315	2102 23
Nashua, Olive St.,	Dec. 31, 1834	Hiram Mead,	Sep. 29 '58	Dec. 17, '67	69	184	253	74	6	16	22	6	5	0	11	6	2	250	373 57
Nashua, Pearl St.,	Sept. 3, 1846	W. L. Gaylord,	Sep. 14, '60	Dec. 31, '67	60	156	216	45	2	8	10	0	11	0	11	2	3	291	695 81
New Boston, Pres.,	1768	D. C. Frink,	1862	Dec. 12, '66	39	118	157	13	7	0	7	3	4	2	9	2	4	185	228 45
New Ipswich,	Oct. 22, 1759	Prescott Fay,	1856	Jan. 1, 1868	74	139	213	48	14	2	16	6	7	1	14	5	0	145	534 53
Pelham,	Nov. 13, 1751	Augustus Berry,	Oct. 30, 1861	Oct. 30, 1861	24	54	78	11	1	4	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	155	552 40
Peterborough,	April 21, 1858	George Dustin,	Oct. 19, 1859	Oct. 19, 1859	44	96	140	17	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	2	238	134 62
Temple,	Oct. 2, 1771	Royal Parkinson,	Oct. 18, 1848	S. S. 1869	46	83	129	30	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	0	176	00 00
Wilton, East,	May 16, 1825	D. E. Adams,	Dec. 5, 1860	Dec. 5, 1860	37	82	119	7	5	2	7	1	1	0	2	5	1	214	149 76
29 Cong., 4 Pres. Chs.		22 Pastors,	6 S. S.	5 Vacant.	1538	3594	5132	846	93	95	188	95	108	9	212	54	29	6756	15861 32

(See under Cong. Conference, two pages back, for Remarks.)

3. MERRIMACK COUNTY CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. Schools.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Andover,	June 25, 1841	Howard Moody,	Nov. 22, '43	S. S. 1869	3	8	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	$00 00
Boscawen,	Oct. 8, 1740	Frank Haley,	Oct. 7, 1863	S. S. 1869	47	83	130	35	1	0	1	6	0	0	6	1	2	75	211 39
Bradford,	Nov. 2, 1803	None.			14	38	52	30	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	00 00
Canterbury,	1760.				24	45	69	17	2	0	2	5	1	0	6	0	0	120	10 00
Chichester,	1791	M. Gould,	Oct. 8, 1851	S. S. 1864	32	49	81	25	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	96	56 82
Concord, East,	Mar. 30, 1842	Geo. Smith,	Aug. 9, 1853	S. S. 1869	29	58	87	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	69 70
Concord, First,	Nov. 18, 1730	F. D. Ayer,	May 1, 1861	Sept. 12, '67	66	171	237	30	4	4	8	2	1	0	3	3	1	225	654 32
Concord, South,	Feb. 1, 1837	S. L. Blake,	Dec. 7, 1864	Jan. 27, 1869	87	204	291	11	2	15	17	11	17	5	33	2	0	381	454 50
Concord, West,	April 22, 1833	H. B. Putnam,	Oct. 28, 1868	Oct. 28, 1868	45	106	151	32	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	160	143 25
Dunbarton,	June 18, 1789	G. I. Bard,	Oct. 17, 1830	Nov. 21, 1866	38	68	106	22	0	0	0	*0	0	0	0	0	1	160	208 57
Epsom,	1761	Chas. Peabody,	Dec. 10, '41	S. S. 1869	26	42	68	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	90	41 50
Fisherville,	Nov. 6, 1850	W. R. Jewett,	Jan. 18, '37	Sep. 16, 1863	41	71	112	12	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	225	445 00
Franklin,	Jan. 11, 1822	W. T. Savage,	Oct. 3, 1838	Sep. 4, 1849	42	92	134	40	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	135	155 75
Henniker,	June 7, 1769	S. S. Morrill,	May 12, '57	S. S. 1869	30	87	117	12	0	1	1	3	1	0	4	0	2	235	400 00
Hill,	1815	None.			8	12	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	00 00
Hooksett,	1828	A. Burnham,	Sept. 30, '57	S. S. 1865	10	27	37	21	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	76 01
Hopkinton,	Nov. 23, 1757	J. K. Young, D.D.	Sept. 24, '29	S. S. 1867	48	130	178	47	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	4	130	212 40
Loudon,	Jan. 28, 1803	None.			12	48	60	15	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	1	75	00 00
Northfield, Sanb. Br.	July 18, 1822	C. Curtice,	Oct. 5, 1843	Oct. 5, 1843	42	116	158	50	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	150	200 00
Pembroke,	Mar. 1, 1767	Benj. Merrill,	June 7, 1864	S. S. 1866	42	89	131	25	14	4	18	6	9	0	15	10	6	107	318 17
Pittsfield,	Nov. 17, 1789	L. Z. Ferris,	Nov. 30, 1865	Nov. 30, 1865	46	84	130	29	5	4	9	4	0	0	4	5	0	180	195 00
Salisbury,	Nov. 20, 1773	J. B. Cook,	Dec. 18, 1850	Jan. 13, 1869	30	54	84	21	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	1	78	46 40
Warner,	Feb. 5, 1772	H. S. Huntington	Jan. 31, '66	Jan. 31, '66	35	80	115	11	2	4	6	3	2	0	5	1	0	180	190 04
Webster,	Sept. 10, 1804	Edward Buxton,	Apr. 10, '36	Dec. 13, '37	52	82	134	17	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	3	160	179 59
Wilmot,	Jan. 1, 1829	C. B. Tracy,	Feb. 1830	S. S. 1868	19	28	47	10	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	67	47 07
25 Churches,	Pastors, 11.	Stated Sup., 12.	Vacant, 4		868	1872	2740	556	38	39	77	62	52	5	119	25	23	3340	4315 48

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. N. Bouton, D. D., Concord, ordained March 23, 1825—Provincial Historian of New Hampshire; A. W. Fiske, Fisherville, ordained May 8, 1833; Moses Gerould, Concord, ordained May 22, 1828; Wm. V. Jordan, Concord, ordained Sept. 13, 1836: Henry A. Kendall, East Concord, ordained Oct. 21, 1840; B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, ordained May 26, 1831—Treasurer N. H. Missionary Society, and N. H. Bible Society; Samuel Utley, Concord, ordained Oct. 3, 1827; Isaac Willey, Pembroke, ordained Jan. 18, 1826—Secretary N. H. Bible Society.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON, Statistical Secretary.

6. ROCKINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions			Removals.				Bap't'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem	Total	Ab.	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Atkinson,	Nov. 25, 1772	Jesse Page,	Sept. 1835	S. S. 1845	24	61	85	18	2	0	2	3	4	0	7	1	0	89	$102 00
Auburn,	Jan. 1, 1843	Josiah L. Arms,	June 25, '46	S. S. 1863	23	44	67	9	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	2	105	100 00
Brentwood,	Jan. 7, 1766	Nath'l Lasell,	1835	S. S. 1866	14	42	56	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	79	10 00
Candia,		1770 Lauren Aransby,	May 27, '46	S. S. 1866	76	118	194	34	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	263	300 50
Chester,	Oct. 20, 1751	J. L. Tomlinson,	Oct. 1, 1863	Oct. 1, 1863	68	126	194	44	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	156	323 89
Deerfield,	Jan.	1766 Jacob Chapman,	June, 1849	May 20, '66	28	50	78	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	100	72 15
Derry, 1st,		1719 L. S. Parker,	Dec. 16, 1857	Feb. 20, '51	53	135	188	32	1	1	2	2	6	0	8	1	1	279	376 90
Derry, 1st, Cong'l,	Aug. 3, 1837	E. G. Parsons,	Oct. 4, 1837	Oct. 1, 1851	30	91	121	25	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	2	0	75	350 68
Epping,	Dec.	1747 J. H. Stearns,	Nov. 6, 1844	S. S. 1857	13	39	52	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	128 57
Exeter, 1st,	1638 Re.	1698 J. O. Barrows,	Jan. 2, 1834	Dec. 5, 1866	43	109	152	38	2	1	3	3	2	0	5	2	4	90	547 74
Exeter, 2d,		1843 J. W. Chickering	Sep. 19, '56	Sept. 6, 1865	31	87	118	40	3	2	5	3	7	0	10	2	0	130	540 00
Greenland,	July, 1706	Edward Robie,	Feb. 25, '52	Feb. 25, '52	8	41	49	8	3	0	3	3	2	0	5	0	0	63	208 25
Hampstead,	June 3, 1752	Theo. C. Pratt,	June 21, '59	June 21, '59	20	77	97	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	115	388 00
Hampton,	1639	None.			65	135	200	24	0	2	2	4	5	6	15	0	4	144	154 19
Kensington,	Oct. 8, 1859	E. D. Eldridge,	Ap'l 4, 1852	June 30, '64	10	39	49	7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	77	58 00
Kingston,	Sept. 25 1725	Solomon Bixby,	June 30, '58	S. S. 1868	8	38	46	6	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	4	2	90	111 25
Londonderry, Pres.,		1735 Wm. House,	Oct. 7, 1857	Oct. 7, 1857	63	132	195	10	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	4	219	264 37
Newcastle,		1671 Lucius Alden,	1825	S. S. 1846	8	37	45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	200	22 00
Newmarket,	May 7, 1828	Isaac C. White,	Oct. 23, 1850	S. S. 1865	18	43	61	15	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	122	286 90
North Hampton,	Oct. 31, 1739	T. V. Haines,	Feb. 1, 1843	S. S. 1867	55	96	151	26	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	2	2	190	213 95
Northwood,	Nov. 29, 1798	E. C. Cogswell,	Nov. 3, 1842	S. S. 1845	35	70	105	14	5	3	8	2	6	0	8	3	2	127	132 69
Nottingham,	1840	None.			2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 00
Plaistow,	Nov. 4, 1730	Homer Barrows,	June, 1839	S. S. 1859	22	61	83	13	4	1	5	2	2	0	4	2	2	85	171 00
Portsmouth,		1671 G. M. Adams,	Sept. 18, '51	June 3, 1853	100	274	374	77	34	9	43	5	5	0	10	16	1	217	1854 20
Raymond,		1791 E. D. Chapman,	Sept. 20, '54	Dec. 6, 1856	59	99	158	18	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	5	5	157	144 30
Rye,	Nov. 3, 1736	Giles Leach,	Feb. 6, 1843	S. S. 1868	19	54	73	23	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	43 25
Salem,	Jan. 17, 1739	Geo. W. Rogers,	1850	S. S. 1863	14	53	67	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	10 00
Seabrook & H. Falls,	1836	None.			13	24	37	12	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	79	116 25
South Seabrook,	July 9, 1867	W. A. Rand,	Licentiate,		12	16	28	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	136	0 00
South Newmarket,		1730 Joseph Bartlett,	Oct. 1847	S. S. 1869	3	17	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	50 00
Stratham,		1746 A. B. Peabody,	May 29, '60	1869	15	30	45	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	89	164 10
Windham, Pres.,		1742 J. Lanman,	June 2, 1868	June 2, 1868	48	114	162	0	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	0	4	130	284 55
32 Churches.	Pastors, 14.	S. S. 14.	Vacant, 3.		960	2355	3354	519	92	29	121	60	52	6	116	47	38	3960	7089 68

Rev. Franklin Davis, ordained Oct. 6, 1847, preaches in Newington.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—Thomas Jameson, Exeter, ordained July, 1825; George W. Thompson, Stratham, ordained, April 29, 1840; Jos. Garland, Hampton, ordained 1847; Charles Dame, Exeter, ordained May 20, 1830.

EDWARD ROBIE, Statistical Scribe.

7. STRAFFORD CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Coll. Char.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Ab.	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Alton,	Nov. 7, 1827	Vacant			6	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		$6 25
Barrington,	June 18, 1755	Vacant			9	33	42	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	9 50
Barnstead,	July 23, 1804	Vacant			12	25	37	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Barnstead Parade,	July 9, 1867	W. O. Carr	Feb. 13,1861	S. S. 1867	16	28	44	0	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	6	0	90	48 15
Center Harbor,	May 9, 1839	Vacant			14	26	40	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	12 85
Conway,	Aug. 18, 1778	E. P. Eastman		Licentiate	26	68	94	12	6	0	6	4	1	0	5	5	3	100	188 21
Dover, First Church,	Jan. 7, 1639	G. B. Spalding	Oct. 5, 1861	Sept. 1, 1869	58	217	275	43	2	0	2	8	9	0	17	2	2	210	764 34
Dover, Belknap,	Sept. 3, 1856	C. C. Watson	July 11,1867	July 11,1867	17	61	78	17	11	3	14	1	0	0	1	11	2	175	114 50
Durham,	Mar. 26, 1718	Alvan Tobey, DD.	Nov. 20,1833	Nov. 20,1833	26	65	91	11	3	0	3	4	2	0	6	3	0	130	392 25
Effingham,	May 17, 1836	Reuben Kimball	Jan. 27,1841	S. S. 1869	5	18	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45 00
Farmington,	Sept. 15, 1819	W. S. Kimball	1867	S. S. 1869	9	31	40	7	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	2	129	111 70
Gilmanton Center,	Mar. 8, 1826	Joseph Blake	Mar. 3, 1841	J'e 13, 1869	37	73	110	26	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	1	2	85	97 63
Gilmanton I. Works,	Oct. 12, 1830	Jeremiah Blake	Nov. 1, 1838	S. S. 1865	15	37	52	12	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	1	30	15 00
Gilmanton, East,	Nov. 30, 1774	Vacant			6	7	13	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	
Laconia,	June 28, 1824	H. M. Stone	Nov. 2, 1848	Feb. 12,1863	48	124	172	48	8	6	12	4	2	0	6	1	2	93	208 37
Lee,	Dec. 2, 1867	Vacant			4	27	31	0	16	2	18	0	1	0	1	14	0	122	00 00
Meredith,	Feb. 20, 1815	Chas. Burnham	Nov. 8, 1841	Jan. 8, 1857	16	43	59	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	80	81 00
Milton,	Sept. 8, 1815	James Doldt	Dec. 26,1843	S. S. 1848	24	60	84	0	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	0	0	140	50 20
Moultonborough,	Mar. 12, 1777	Vacant			5	12	17	14	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0		
Ossipee Center,	Sept. 27, 1803	D. S. Hibbard	1860	S. S. 1868	15	33	48	18	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	45	27 39
Rochester,	1737	A. F. Marsh	Oct. 13, 1867	Oct. 13, 1867	26	97	123	26	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	7	0	175	130 00
Rollinsford, S. Falls,	May 1, 1841	Thos. S. Robie	Oct. 25, 1859	S. S. 1866	25	55	80	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	30 00
Sanbornton,	Nov. 13, 1771	M. T. Runnells	A'g. 13, 1858	J'e 11, 1868	41	86	127	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	4	132	269 55
Sandwich,	Dec. 8, 1824	Vacant			6	20	26	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	7 00
Sandwich, North,	June 17, 1832	Vacant			16	20	36	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		5 00
Somersworth,	June 16, 1827	E. N. Hidden	1841	June 5, 1865	50	135	185	33	1	2	3	3	6	0	9	1	0	264	429 48
Tamworth,	Sept. 12, 1792	S. H. Riddel	Jan. 27,1827	Aug. 15,1860	34	77	111	19	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	157	105 15
Tuftonborough,	May 1, 1839	Vacant			3	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2 00
Wakefield,	Jan. 17, 1765	D. D. Tappan	Mar. 19,1826	S. S. 1865	8	31	39	12	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	90 34
Wolfborough,	Jan. 17, 1834	L. Thompson	Nov. 20,1838	S. S. 1868	26	50	76	19	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	104	72 58
Wolfborough, North,	June 18, 1839	F. P. Smith	Sep. 12, 1838	June, 1868	4	12	16	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	14 00
31 Churches.	10 Vacant.	11 Pastors.	10 S. S.		607	1593	2200	432	68	19	87	62	39	0	101	56	18	2592	3265 36

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE. John Wood, Wolfeborough, ordained 1840; Almon Benson, Center Harbor, ordained Dec. 23, 1840; Nathaniel Barr, Wakefield, ordained Nov. 21, 1826; Ezra Haskell, Dover, ordained 1860; E. P. Eastman, licensed, April 27, 1869. C. C. WATSON, Statistical Secretary.

8. SULLIVAN CONFERENCE.

Churches.		Ministers.			Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admission.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab. School.	Char. Coll.
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Installed.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
Acworth,	Mar. 12, 1773	J. L. Merrill,	Oct. 12, '50	June 13, '56	46	90	136	21	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	1	160	$100 00
Charlestown,	Aug. 1, 1835	H. H. Sanderson,	Apr. 20, '48	S. S. 1364	4	23	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21 00
Claremont,	1770	E. W. Clark,	Jan. 1, '50	Feb. 25, '64	67	171	238	65	2	5	7	4	19	0	23	0	3	205	521 51
Cornish,	Nov. 6, 1781	Philander Bates,	Feb. 20, '40	S. S.	27	50	77	9	22	1	23	0	3	0	3	17	0	85	8 00
Croydon,	Sept. 9, 1778	Vacant.			10	14	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2 35
Goshen,	Feb. 24, 1802	Vacant.			8	14	22	0	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	87	4 25
Landgdon,	Jan. 6, 1820	M. Gerould,	May 22, '28	S. S.	6	24	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	45	33 81
Lempster,	Nov. 13, 1781	B. Howe,	Nov. 5, '45	S. S. 1867	24	28	52	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	27 70
Lempster, 2d church,	Feb. 1, 1837	Vacant.			7	12	19	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0 00
Meriden,	May 2, 1780	E. E. P. Abbott,	May 6, '68	May 6, 1868	30	70	100	20	1	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	50	200 00
Newport,	Oct. 28, 1779	G. R. W. Scott,	Sept. 17, '68	Sept. 17, '68	75	130	205	100	28	11	39	0	5	0	5	11	2	180	373 92
Plainfield,	Sept. 20, 1804	Vacant.			6	26	32	5	3	0	3	6	1	0	7	1	0	30	50 00
Washington,	May 20, 1780	Vacant.			4	22	26	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	9 00
13 Churches.		4 Pastors.	4 S. Supply 5 Vacant.		314	674	988	268	57	22	79	15	36	1	52	30	6	1072	1351 54

WINHOUT CHARGE. Jacob Scales, Plainfield, ordained Dec. 27, 1820; B. R. Catlin, Meriden, ordained Feb. 21, 1865. LICENTIATES. Cyrus S. Richards, L. L. D., Meriden, licensed May 8, 1850. Plainfield has had preaching through the year by Rev. B. R. Catlin, and Mr. G. A. Seeley, a missionary. Goshen has had preaching in their house of worship one half the time by Rev. Mr. Whittemore, Baptist minister in the town.

EDWARD W. CLARK, Statistical Secretary.

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Churches.		Ministers.					Ch. Mems. June, 1869.				Admissions.			Removals.				Bapt'ms		Sab'th Sch'ls	Char. Coll.
	Tot.	Vac.	Pastors	S. S.	W. C.	Total.	Lic.	Males	Fem.	Total	Abs	Prof	Let	Tot	Di.	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.		
1. Cheshire,	29	3	11	12	6	29	0	623	1479	2102	327	86	75	161	46	53	2	101	58	32	3405	$3056 38
2. Coos,	4	2	2	4	0	6	1	115	326	441	73	16	3	19	10	8	0	18	12	7	582	733 68
3. Grafton,	22	4	8	10	10	28	2	633	1356	1989	485	92	25	117	31	49	0	80	47	40	2052	3572 21
4. Hillsborough,	33	5	22	6	12	40	0	1538	3594	5132	846	93	95	188	95	108	9	212	54	29	6756	15861 32
5. Merrimack,	25	4	12	9	8	29	0	868	1872	2740	556	38	39	77	62	52	5	119	25	23	3340	4315 48
6. Rockingham,	32	3	14	14	5	33	0	999	2355	3354	519	92	29	121	58	52	6	118	47	38	3960	7089 68
7. Strafford,	31	10	11	10	4	25	1	607	1593	2200	432	68	19	87	62	39	0	101	56	18	2592	3295 36
8. Sullivan,	13	5	4	4	2	10	1	314	674	988	268	57	22	79	15	36	1	52	30	6	1072	1351 54
Total,	191	36	84	69	47	200	5	5097	13249	18346	3506	542	307	849	381	397	23	799	329	193	23759	40745 72

SCHEDULE FOR APPOINTING DELEGATES TO FOREIGN BODIES FOR FIVE YEARS.

ASSOCIATION.	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872
Belknap,	Maine,	Vermont, Wisconsin.	Presbyterian Assembly,	New York,	Iowa,
Derry and Manchester,	Vermont, Iowa, Nebraska,	California, Oregon, Baptist Convention,	Methodist Conference,	Rhode Island, Indiana, Kansas,	Maine. Missouri. Minnesota.
Harmony,	Mass. Conference,	Kansas,	Rhode Island,	Minnesota,	Baptist Convention.
Hollis,	Mass. Association, Kansas,	Rhode Island, Iowa, Nebraska.	New York, Michigan, Illinois,	Connecticut, California, Oregon,	Ohio. Indiana.
Hopkinton,	Rhode Island, Oregon,	Connecticut, Missouri, Minnesota.	Mass. Association, Iowa, California,	Ohio, Michigan, Methodist Conference,	New York. Illinois. Nebraska.
Lancaster,	Connecticut,		Canada.		Vermont.
Monadnock,	New York, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Ohio, Michigan, Presbyterian Assembly, Methodist Conference.	Nebraska, Kansas, Baptist Convention,	Vermont, Wisconsin, Missouri,	Connecticut. California, Canada,
Orange,	California, Baptist Convention,	Canada,	Wisconsin,	Presbyterian Assembly,	Rhode Island.
Piscataqua,	Ohio, Michigan, Meth. Conference,	Indiana, Illinois,	Missouri, Minnesota, F. W. B. Y. M.	Maine, Nebraska, Baptist Convention.	Presbyterian Assembly. Kansas. Oregon.
Sullivan,	Indiana, Illinois.	New York,	Connecticut,	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Mass. Association.
Suncook,	Missouri, Wisconsin.	F. W. B. Y. M.,	Ohio, Indiana,	Canada,	Methodist Conference.
Union,	Presbyterian Assembly.	Mass. Association,	Maine, Oregon,	Illinois, Iowa,	Wisconsin. F. W. B. Y. M.,
White River,	Canada,	Maine,	Vermont,	Mass. Association,	Michigan.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

CHANGES SINCE MAY 31, 1868.

PASTORS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.

1868. Sept. 2, Charles L. Hubbard, at Merrimack.
Sept. 17, George R. W. Scott, at Newport.
Oct. 28, Hiram B. Putnam, at West Concord.
Dec. 8, Charles M. Palmer, at Harrisville.
1869. March 18, William R. Cochran, at Antrim.
June 24, Silas P. Cook, at Marlborough.
Sept. 30, Cyrus Richardson, at Plymouth.

MINISTERS ORDAINED WITHOUT INSTALLATION.

1868. Sept. 10, Henry P. Page, at Center Harbor, Missionary to Persia.
1869. April 30, John W. Churchill, at Nashua, Professor of Elocution in Andover Theological Seminary.
May 19, Henry H. Colburn, at Roxbury.
Sept. 2, Frank G. Clark, at Francestown, City Missionary in Manchester.
Sept. 2, Henry Marden, at Francestown, Missionary to Turkey.

PASTORS INSTALLED.

1868. June 11, Moses T. Runnells, at Sanbornton.
July 9, William S. Karr, Keene, First Church.
Sept. 2, Henry A. Hazen, at Lyme.
Sept. 23, John F. Norton, at Fitzwilliam.
Dec. 23, George E. Freeman, at Milford.
1869. Jan. 13, Jonathan B. Cook, at Salisbury.
Jan. 27, S. Leroy Blake, at Concord, South Church.
Feb. 4, Samuel L. Gerould, at Goffstown.
May 6, Ira C. Tyson, at Bedford.
July 6, Frederick Alvord, at Nashua, First Church.
Sept. 1, Geo. B. Spalding, at Dover, First Church.
Sept. 15, Joseph A. Leach, at Keene, Second Church.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

68. June 30, Joseph M. R. Eaton, from Henniker.
July 9, Zedekiah S. Barstow, from Keene First Church.
July 15, Henry A. Hazen, from Plymouth.
Aug. 6, George H. DeBevoise, from Walpole.
Aug. 13, E. Cornelius Hooker, from Nashua First Church.
Sept. 7, Avery S. Walker, from Dover First Church.
Sept. 22, Arthur Little, from Bedford.
Nov. 17, Samuel L. Gerould, from Stoddard.
Nov. , John W. Dodge, from Hampton.
Dec. 22, Milton L. Severance, from Boscawen.
69. Feb. 16, James Holmes, from Auburn.
May 2, Roger M. Sargent, from Farmington.
June 21, Leonard S. Parker, from Derry First Church.
June , Ephraim N. Hidden, from Great Falls.
Sept. 22, Hiram Mead, from Nashua, Olive Street Church.
Oct. 6, J. O. Barrows, from Exeter First Church.

MINISTERS DECEASED.

68. Aug. 19, John H. Manning, at Brookline, aged 44.
Sept. 17, Moses Kimball, at East Haverhill, Mass., aged 69.
Nov. 2, Benjamin F. Foster, at Dummerston, Vt., aged 65.
69. Jan. 6, Amos Blanchard, at Barnet, Vt., aged 68.
Feb, 2, George W. Campbell, at Bradford, Mass., aged 74.
July 6, Pliny B. Day, D. D., at Hollis, aged 62.
Sept. 6, William Richardson, at Manchester, aged 68.
Sept. 17, E. D. Chapman, at Raymond, aged 50.
Sept. 19, Loren Thayer, at Windham, aged 54.

REMARKS.

CHURCHES. The number of churches reported is 191, one less than last year. No new ones have been formed. The loss is due to the omission of the name of the Christian Mission Church in Manchester. This enterprise was begun in 1847, a chapel erected in 1850, and a church organized Dec. 30, 1852, which has included in all, from its organization, 86 members. It has now been abandoned as a distinct church, its membership having been absorbed by the other churches. The mission enterprise, however, is carried on with no less energy than heretofore. Last year the Congregational Churches of Manchester paid half the expenses, and the Manufacturing Corporations the other. Mr. Frank G. Clark was ordained to the gospel ministry at Francestown, Sept. 2, 1869, and enters this field as a city missionary. The number reported in the Sabbath school is 264; which, in the Statistics, is divided equally between the Sabbath schools of the two churches in Manchester.

The town of Hill having been transferred, by act of the Legislature, from Grafton to Merrimack county, the church in that place appears under Merrimack County Conference.

Five thousand dollars have been raised, by subscription within and outside the place and other means, for the erection of a house of worship in South Seabrook. The following sums are reported as expended for repairs and improvements in church edifices. The list is doubtless incomplete:

Concord First, $5,800, (including $3,500 for an organ). Concord South, $4,300 (including $4,000 for an organ). Concord West, $1,500. Gilsum, $200. Goffstown, $1,450. Nashua First, $6,000, (for the erection of a chapel). Olive Street, $6,901.21. Pearl Street, $6,380. Newport, $7,000, ($2,700 for an organ). North Hampton, $2,500. Sullivan, $1,200. Swanzey, $1,000. Warner, $1,100.

The First Church in Dover has received $6,500, by legacy from William Woodman.

Eighty-four churches have pastors; sixty-nine, acting pastors; two are supplied by licentiates, and thirty-six are destitute of stated preaching. In the case of many of these last, however, the destitution is only temporary. In several cases, churches are reported as sustaining worship in connection with the Free Will Baptists, Methodists or Baptists.

MINISTERS. The number of pastors is eighty-four; of acting pastors, sixty-nine; of ministers without charge, forty-seven. The average term of service with the churches in which they are at present laboring is, in the case of pastors, seven and a half years; of acting pastors, four years. Ten years ago, in 1859, the number of pastors in the State was ninety-five, and their average term of service with the churches over which they were then settled was a little more than nine and a half years. The number of acting pastors was then fifty-eight, and their average term of service in fifty-three cases, (the others being unknown) was three years and ten months.

Dr. Barstow, installed over the First Church in Keene in 1818, is still Pastor Emeritus. Of Pastors now in active service, the five longest settled are: Dr. Tobey, installed at Durham in 1833; Mr. Buxton, at Webster in 1837; Dr. Wallace, at Manchester in 1840; Mr. Curtice, at Northfield in 1843; and Dr. Davis, at Amherst in 1844. Mr. Lyman has been acting pastor at Marlborough since 1840.

One hundred and forty-nine ministers are connected with the Ministerial Associations of the State. Two are reported as belonging to two Associations.

MEMBERS. The whole number of members of the churches is 18,946. Males 5,697; females 13,249. This is one hundred and seven less than the membership reported last year; though during the year the additions, by profession, have exceeded the deaths by sixty-one; and the total admissions the total removals, by forty-eight. The apparent loss is probably due in part to a praiseworthy cause, viz., the careful revision of the lists of members in some churches.

Eighty-six churches have received no additions by profession, during the year; twenty have received none for the

past five years. Ten years ago the membership of our churches was 21,120, which is 2,174 more than the present number. A comparison with neighboring States shows that, during each of the past five years, there has been a gain in the membership of the Congregational churches of Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts; while in New Hampshire, during three of these years, there has been a loss. The churches of Maine have gained, during these years, above all removals, 598; those of Vermont, 1,217; those of Massachusetts, 5,780; while those of New Hampshire have lost 224. The effect of these comparisons should be, not most assuredly to discourage us, but to lead us to new earnestness in praying that the "power from on high" may descend upon our churches, and to new enquires after the most efficient means of christian influence.

The number of absent members is reported as 3,506, a diminution of 167 from last year.

Baptisms. Adults, 329; infants, 193. Seventy-seven churches report one or more infant baptisms; one hundred and fourteen, report none.

Sabbath Schools. The number connected with the Sabbath schools is 23,759, an increase of one hundred and nine over last year. The numbers in these schools vary from twenty-five to seven hundred and sixty-seven. It is well that in so many instances the *small* schools are perseveringly maintained. Sixteen of our churches report *no* Sabbath school. Would not these feeble churches do good, and receive good, by sustaining Sabbath schools, even if they are unable to maintain public worship? Often by this means the way has been prepared for the re-establishment of the services of the sanctuary. Suppose there remain in a church only a few christian women, may they not often do great good by sustaining a Sabbath school?

Charitable Collections. The amount reported is $40,745.72, a gain of $5,574.72 upon the previous year. The average to each member of the church, is $2.15. Twenty-six churches report *no* benevolent contributions. Is this right?

.d a church cease to make contributions to objects of ·olence because their number is small and they have no :? If some brother or sister in each of these feeble hes would make it a part of his work for Christ to see nformation is diffused about some of the great objects of ·olence, and contributions solicited, it—as well as the ning of a Sabbath school—would be a valuable means ;trengthening the things which remain."

ubtless some charitable gifts have been made in these hes, which are not reported. And this leads me to re-e the remark of my predecessor, that *every* church should a clerk, and one who will faithfully perform his duties. church contains only three members (none of ours fall below that!) one of them should be clerk. It would a reasonable hope, that where a church has had *no* Sab-school and made no benevolent contributions, some one d be found able and willing to testify to the fact, but lifficulty of obtaining such testimony in some cases can ›preciated only by those who have tried it. A few hes have neglected repeated requests to furnish these , and they are therefore lacking in our statistics.

e Secretary will be thankful to any of his brethren for :tions or suggestions, which may render future minutes accurate or valuable.

e next meeting of the General Association will be held lford.

HENRY S. HUNTINGTON,
Statistical Secretary.

CATALOGUE

Of the Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers in New Hampshire, with their Postoffice address, and the number of the Conference and Association in which each name occurs in the Statistics.

Abbott, E. E. P., Meriden. 8. X.
Abbott, E. F., Westmoreland. 1.
Adams, Daniel E., Wilton. 4. IV.
Adams, George M., Portsmouth. 6. IX.
Adams, John, Hillsborough Center. 4.
Alden, Lucius, Newcastle. 6.
Allen, Cyrus W., East Jaffrey. 1.
Alvord, Frederick, Nashua. 4.
Amsden, S. H., New Alstead. 1. VII.
Arms, Josiah L., Auburn. 6.
Armsby, L., Candia. II.
Ayer, Franklin D., Concord. 5. V.
Bard, George I., Dunbarton. 5. V.
Barker, Nathaniel, Wakefield. 7. III.
Barrows, Homer, Plaistow. 6.
Barrows, J. O., Exeter. 6. IX.
Bartlett, Joseph, So. Newmarket. 6. IX.
Barstow, Zedekiah S., D.D., Keene. 1. VII
Bassett, Edward B., Washington. 8.
Bates, Philander, Cornish Flat. 8. X.
Batchelder, J. S., Hinsdale. 1.
Benson, Almon, Center Harbor. 7. I.
Berry, Augustus, Pelham. 4. II.
Bigelow, Asahel, Hancock. 4. XII.
Bixby, Solomon, Kingston. 6. IX.
Blake, Jeremiah, Gilmant'n I.W'ks. 7. XI
Blake, Joseph, Gilmanton Center. 7. I.
Blake, S. L., Concord. 5. V.
Blakely, Quincy, Campton. 3. I.
Blanchard, Silas M., Hudson. 4.
Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Bradford, Samuel B., Francestown. 4.
Brigham, Levi, Troy. 1. VII.
Burnham, A., Hooksett. 5. II.
Burnham, A. W., D. D., Keene. 1.
Burnham, Charles, Meredith. 7. I.
Butterfield, George, Hebron. 3.
Buxton, Edward, Webster. 5.
Carr, Wm. O., Barnstead Parade. 7. XI.
Carter. N. F., Orfordville. 3.
Case, Rufus, Jaffrey. 1. VII.
Catlin, B. R., Meriden. 8. X.
Chapman, Jacob, Deerfield. 6. XI.
Chickering. J. W., Exeter. 6. IX.
Claggett, Erastus B., Lyndeboro'. 4. XII.
Claggett, Wm., Westmoreland. 1. VII.
Clark, Edward W., Claremont. 8. X.
Clark, Frank G., Manchester. 4.
Clark, John, Plymouth. 3.
Clark, William, Amherst. 4. IV.
Cochrane, W. R., Antrim. 4.
Cogswell, E. C., Northwood. 6. XI.
Colburn, H. H., Roxbury. 1. VII.
Conant, Liba, Orford. 3. I.
Cook, Jonathan B., Salisbury. 5. V.
Cook, Silas P., Marlboro'. 1. VII.
Curtice, Corban, Tilton. 5. V.
Cutler, Wm. H., Swanzey. 1.
Dame, Charles. Exeter. 6. IX.
Davis, Franklin, Newington. 4. IX.
Davis, Josiah G., D. D., Amherst. 4. IX.
Dickerman, L., Walpole. 1.
Doldt, James, Milton. 7. III.
Downs, Charles A., Lebanon. 3. I.
Duncan, Thomas W., Nelson. 1. VII.
Dustin, George, Peterboro'. 4. XII.
Edwards, J. H., West Lebanon. 3. XIII.
Eldridge, Erasmus D., Kensington, 6. IX.
Emmons, H. V., Lancaster. 2. VI.
Fairbanks, Henry, Hanover. 3.
Farrar, Henry, Dalton. 2. VI.
Fay, Prescott, New Ipswich. 4.
Ferrie, L. Z., Pittsfield. 5. XI.
Field, A. C., Alstead Center. 1. VII.
Fiske, A. W. Fisherville. 5. V.
Follett, Walter, Temple. 4. IV.
Fosdick, A. J., Dublin. 1.
Freeman, George E., Milford. 4.
Frink, D. C., New Boston. 4. IV.
Garland, Joseph, Hampton. 6. IX.
Gaylord, Wm. L., Nashua. 4. IV.
Gerould, Moses, Concord. 5.
Gerould, Samuel L. Goffstown. 4. II.
Goodwin, Daniel, Mason. 4. IV.
Goodyear, George, Temple. 4. IV.
Gould, Mark, Chichester. 5. XI.
Greeley, E. H., Haverhill. 3. VIII.
Hadley, James B., Campton. 3. I.
Haines, T. V., North Hampton. 6. IX. III.
Hall, Jeffries, Chesterfield. 1.
Haley, Frank, Wolfeboro'. 7.
Harmon, Elijah, Winchester. 7. VII.
Hartshorne, V. T., Enfield. 3. XIII.
Haskell, Ezra, Dover. 7. IX.
Hazen, H. A., Lyme. 3. XIII.
Hibbard, D. S., Ossipee Centre. 7.

Hidden, Ephraim N., Great Falls. 7.
Holmes, James, Fisherville. 5. II.
Holman, Morris, Deering. 4.
Hooker, E. C., Nashua. 4.
House, Wm. Pres., Londonderry. 6. II.
Howe, Benjamin, Lempster 8.
Hubbard, C. L., Merrimack. 4. II.
Huntington, Henry S., Warner. 5. V.
Jameson, Thomas, Exeter. 6.
Jennison, Edwin, Winchester. 1.
Jordan, Wm. V., Concord. 5.
Jewett, Wm. R. Fisherville. 5. V.
Karr, Wm S., Keene. 1. VII.
Keeler, Seth H., D. D., Mt. Vernon. 4. IV.
Kellogg, Erasmus M., Manchester. 4. II.
Kendall, Henry A., East Concord. 5. V.
Ketchum, Silas, Bristol. 3. V.
Kimball, Reuben, North Conway. 7. III.
Kimball, Woodbury S., Farmington. 7.
Knowlton, F B., Alstead.
Lanman, Joseph, Pres., Windham. 6. II.
Lasell, Nathaniel, Brentwood. 6.
Leach, Giles, Rye. 6. IX.
Leach, Joseph A., Keene. 1. VII.
LeBosquet, John, Danbury 3.
Leeds, Samuel P Hanover. 3. XIII.
Lee, Samuel, New Ipswich. 4.
Lord, Nathan, D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Lyman, Giles, Marlborough. 1. VII.
Mann, Asa, Bath. 3. VIII.
Manning, Abel, Goffstown. 4.
Marden, A. L., Piermont. 3. 3. VIII.
Marsh, A. F., Rochester. 7. IX.
Marsh, Joseph, Nelson 1.
McGee, Jonathan, Nashua. 4. IV.
McLeod, Hugh, Colebrook 2. VI.
Merriam, Geo. F Mason Village. 4. IV.
Merrill, Benjamin, Pembroke. 5. V.
Merrill, John L. Acworth 8. X.
Milliken, Charles E., Littleton. 2. VIII.
Moody, Howard, East Andover. 5. V.
Moore, Humphrey, D. . Milford. 4. IV.
Morrill, S. S., Henniker. 5. V.
Norton, John F., Fitzwilliam. 1. VI.
Noyes, Daniel J D. D., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Otis, Israel T Exeter. 6. IX.
Page, Caleb F Milton Mills. 7.
Page, Jesse, Atkinson. 6. II.
Palmer, Charles M., Harrisville. 1. VII.
Park, Harrison G Hancock. 4.
Parker, Henry E., Hanover. 3. XIII.
Parkinson, Royal, Temple. 4.
Parsons, Benj. F Derry 6. 1.
Parsons, Ebenezer G. Derry. 6.
Partridge, S/H., Greenfield.
Peabody, Albert B., Stratham. 6. IX.
Peabody, Charles, Epsom. 5. XI.
Pratt, Theodore C., Hampstead. 6. II.
Pulsifer, Daniel, Danbury. 3.
Putnam, Hiram B., West Concord. 5. V.
Putnam, Rufus A., Pembroke. 5.
Richards, ustin, D. D., Francestown. 4.
Richardson, C. W., Canaan. 3.
Richardson, Cyrus, Plymouth. 3. 1.
Riddel, Samuel H., Tamworth. 7. III.
Roberts Thomas E., Swanzey. 1. VII.
Robie, Edward, Greenland. 6. IX.
Robie, Thomas S., Salmon Falls. 7. IX.
Rogers, Geo. W., Salem. 6.
Rood, Heman, Hanover. 3. XIII.
Runnels, Moses T., Sanbornton. 7. 1.
Sanderson Henry H., Charlestown. 8.
Sargent, Frank D., Brookline. 4.
Savage, Daniel F., Stoddard. 1.
Savage, Wm. T., D. D., Franklin. 5. V.
Sawyer, Daniel, Merrimack, South. 5.
Sawin, Theophilus P., Manchester. 4. II.
Scales, Jacob, Plainfield. 3. X.
Scott, G. R. W., Newport. 8. X.
Seagrave, James C., Wentworth. 3. 1.
Smith, Asa D., D. D., Hanover. 3. VIII.
Smith, Bezaleel, Hanover Center. 3. XIII.
Smith, F P Wolfeboro' North. 7.
Smith, George, East Concord. 5. V.
Smith, Isaiah P Temple. 4.
Spalding, Geo. B., Dover. 7. IX.
Spaulding, William, Hanover. 3.
Stearns, Josiah H., Epping. 6. IX.
Stone, Benj. P., D. D., Concord. 5. V.
Stone, Harvey M Laconia. 7 I.
Stowe, John M., Sullivan. VII.
Tappan, Daniel D., Wakefield. 7.
Tewksbury, Geo. F., Gorham. 2.
Thompson, Geo. W., Stratham. 6. IX.
Thompson, L., Wolfeboro'. 7
Thurston, Chas. A. G., Bradford.
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., Durham. 7. IX.
Tomlinson, J. L., Chester. 6. II.
Tracy, Caleb B., Wilmot. 5.
Tucker, Wm. J., Manchester. 4.
Tyson Ira C., Bedford. 4.
Utley, Samuel, Concord. 5.
Wallace, Cyrus W., D.D., Manchest'r. 4. II
Watson, C. C. Dover . IX.
White, Isaac C., Newmarket. 6. IX
Willey, Charles, Nelson. 1. VII.
Willey, Isaac, Pembroke. 5. II.
Wood, Horace, Gilsum. 1. VII. III.
Wood, John, Wolfeborough. 7. III.
Young, John K., D. D., Hopkinton. 5. I

SIXTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN KEENE,

AUGUST 26, 1869.

CONCORD:
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1869.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Society held its sixty-eighth annual meeting for the transaction of business in the Second Congregational Church in Keene, Thursday, August 26, at 9 o'clock, A. M., when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., LL. D., Hanover, *President.*
Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Concord, *Vice President.*
Rev. WILLIAM CLARK, Amherst, *Secretary.*
Rev. B. P. STONE, D. D., Concord, *Treasurer.*
S. G. LANE, Esq., Concord, *Auditor.*

Trustees elected in 1869.

Rev. WILLIAM R. JEWETT, Fisherville.
Rev. E. G. PARSONS, Derry.
Hon. MILAN HARRIS, Harrisville.

Trustees elected in 1868.

Rev. F. D. AYER, Concord.
Rev. ASA MANN, Bath.
C. F. STEWART, Esq., Concord.

Trustees elected in 1867.

Rev. ALVAN TOBEY, D. D., Durham.
Rev. J. K. YOUNG, D. D., Hopkinton.
Hon. J. W. NOYES, Chester.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Trustees, held in the Second Congregational Church, Keene, August 26, 1869, the following members of the Board were appointed Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:

Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, Concord.
Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord.
Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.
Rev. William Clark, Amherst.
Rev. William R. Jewett, Fisherville.

PUBLIC MEETING.

The sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Society was held in the First Congregational Church, Keene, August 26, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Deane, delegate from the General Association of Connecticut to the General Association of New Hampshire.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., read his report, which, having been audited, was accepted and adopted. Abstracts of the report of the Trustees were then read by the Secretary, Rev. William Clark, when Rev. D. E. Adams of Wilton, with an address, moved its adoption and publication under direction of the Trustees, seconded by Mr. William A. Rand, South Seabrook. Addresses were made by Mr. Rand, Rev. S. L. Gerould of Goffstown, Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Davenport, Iowa.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting to its friends and patrons the sixty-eighth Annual Report of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, the Trustees have nothing special to offer out of the usual course of their transactions, or of the results of the labor of our missionaries. We are pained to record the death of one of our trustees, George Hutchins, Esq., and of one of our missionaries, Mr. William J. Patterson; also, of a wife of one, Mrs. C. B. Tracy.

Mr. Hutchins and his wife, on their way last autumn to the South, were lost, with many others, on a steamer, destroyed by fire on the Ohio River. No trace could be found of any part of their remains. Mr. Hutchins, a native and resident of Concord during a life of 70 years, was well known and greatly esteemed, not only in his native city, but throughout the State, as a valuable citizen, an enterprising merchant, a consistent christian, a promoter of every good object. He ever showed deep interest in our Home Missionary enterprise; as one of our trustees, he took broad views of this cause. His judgment we respected; his counsels we valued. His wife, who met death at the same time and in the same painful manner with himself, was a highly estimable christian lady; always ready to every good work; greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. William J. Patterson, our missionary at South Merrimack, during his spring vacation in the Theological Seminary, Andover, who died there after a short and painful sickness, was a young preacher of much promise, greatly beloved by our little church, to which he was ministering near the time of his death.

We owe it to departed worth, to record the name of Mrs. Tracy, the wife of our Missionary, Rev. C. B. Tracy of Wilmot. She was an excellent christian lady, a truly help-meet to her husband in the missionary work. Her death, sudden

and unexpected, is to him a very heavy affliction; a sore bereavement to the church and people to which he ministers.

Our several missionaries have sedulously and faithfully performed their official duties through the year now reported, with the usual degree of Divine favor and success. In some churches more than common religious interest has existed; as in Danbury, Gorham, Center Harbor, Roxbury, and South Seabrook, in which places several hopeful conversions have occurred, and encouraging additions made to the churches.

SUMMARY.

Fifty-two missionaries have labored within the year, in forty-three congregations; thirty-six during the entire year; sixteen for shorter periods, from two to six months; in all, an aggregate of thirty-six years and two months. Toward their support, appropriations have been made to the amount of $5694.50. Sixteen churches report one hundred hopeful conversions. Thirty-two missionaries report an average of 1666 attendants on public worship. Members in twenty-nine churches, 1161; of whom 333 are males, 828 females. Seventeen churches have had 84 additions, of which 65 by profession; 19 by letter. Thirteen churches report 33 dismissions; by death 16, by dismission, 17. Fifteen churches have had 69 baptisms. Infant, 21; adult, 48. Thirty-two Sabbath schools report 2090 scholars. Twenty-four churches and congregations contributed to Home Missions $514.95, to other objects $870.89; total, $1385.84.

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the year, by contributions, have been $7026.00; by legacies, $463.36. Income of permanent fund, $360.00. Making the total receipts, $7849.36. Of this sum, $1486.31, viz., $1198.31 in donations; $288.00 in legacies, were for the National Society, leaving $6,363.05 for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. To the $7849.36 are to be added $13,685.58, sent directly to the parent Society, without passing through our Treasury. Of this amount,

$13,172.60 were legacies; $512.98 donations. Whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions, during the year, $21,534.94; which is $9,793.46 more than last year, and the largest sum ever contributed in one year, in the State, to the cause. This large increase is owing to unusually large legacies to the American Home Missionary Society. The receipts of the New Hampshire Missionary Society the present year are less than in the last, by $748.83. This is owing to less amount in legacies this year than last. In that year, the legacies to our Missionary Society were $1673.00; this year they were $175.36, a difference of $1497.64. Receipts from donations and income from funds, were this year $213.89 less than in 1868.

DISBURSEMENTS.

The disbursements this year have been $10,119.52; of which $2986.71 were paid to the American Home Missionary Society, $15.00 to a missionary in the West, $7118.21 were expended in New Hampshire, which is $755.16 more than the receipts for this year for expenditure in the State; so that, but for the balance in the Treasury at the close of last year, it would have been in debt to this amount. Balance in the Treasury August 15, 1869, $2589.16.

CENT INSTITUTION.

This right arm of the New Hampshire Missionary Society is becoming stronger from year to year. In the year of its formation, in 1805, its receipts were $5.00. The last year, including $200.00 income from the Memorial Fund, a daughter of the Cent Institution and co-operating with it, the receipts were $2602.28. During the sixty-five years of the existence of the Institution, its receipts have been $73,075.33; an average of $1124.23 per year. While we are made glad at the success of this most efficient auxiliary of our New Hampshire Missionary Society, we are filled with sadness at the small annual receipts from our churches and congregations. Their annual average is less than $3500.00 for the missionary cause in the State. In the year now reported, the

donations by the churches and congregations, for this cause, were $3254.77. For the American Home Missionary Society they were $1811.29. Total contributions by the churches and congregations, for both missionary societies, $5066.06; but a fraction more than double given by the Female Cent Societies. In the year ending August 15, 1868, eighty-seven of our one hundred and ninety-two Congregational and Presbyterian churches made no contributions to Home Missions. How long shall this painful delinquency continue?

MEMORIAL FUND.

This fund, commenced only four years since, has reached the amount of $3410.00. Its income the past year was $200.00. Its members, constituted such by the payment of $10.00 by themselves or friends, now number 341, and are constantly increasing. Its double object is, perpetuation of the memory of its founder and deceased patrons; and aid to the funds of the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Its funds are invested in our State and National securities, and Savings Banks. The great, unexpected success of the Memorial Fund shows the interest taken in it, and indicates that in time it must beeome, in itself, an important institution. The thought is delightful, that through it, christian females, though dead, yet speak! and will speak for the good of the cause for generations to come.

Details that can be exhibited in a compact form are embraced in the following general table, showing, in parallel columns:

1. An alphabetical list of churches aided, and the names of missionaries.
2. Dates of last commission.
3. Length of commission in months.
4. Amount of aid pledged for time named in preceding column.
5. Months of labor performed since last Report.
6. Average congregations.
7. Hopeful conversions.

8. Number of church members.
9. Number additions.
10. Number dismissions.
11. Number baptisms.
12. Number Sabbath school scholars.
13. Contributions to Home Missions.
14. Contributions to other objects.
15. Total contributions.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	Date of Commission.	Months of Commission.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor performed.	Average Congregations.	Hopeful Conversions.	Church Members.			Church Additions.			Removals.				Baptisms.			Sab. Sch. Scholars.	Contributions.		
							Male.	Female.	Total.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	Total.	Infant.	Adult.	Total.		Home Mis'ns	Other objects	Total.
1. Alstead, New.—Rev. S. H. Amsden,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	125 00	12	140	1	28	49	77								2		2	75	12 75	51 00	63 75
2. Alstead.—Rev. F. B. Knowlton,	Apr. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	90		5	21	26	1	2	3			1	1	1	1	2	72	6 00	18 36	24 36
3. Alton.—Mr. C. H. Park,	M'ch 25, '69	1½	45 00	1½																			
4. Andover, East.—Rev. Howard Moody,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	300 00	7	80		6	12	18	4	2	6					2	1	3	106	30 00		30 00
5. Canaan.— { Mr. J. H. O'Brien,	May 1, 1868	4	120 00	4	75		4	17	21		1	1								30			
{ Mr. A. W. Hubbard,	May 1, 1869	4		4																			
6. Center Harbor.— { Mr. J. H. Bliss,	May 1, 1868	4	120 00	4	75	5	17	26	43	4	5	9					4	4	8	50		25 00	25 00
{ Mr. C. M. Ferry,	May 1, 1869	4		4																			
7. Charlestown.—Rev. H. H. Sanderson,	Oct. 13, 1868	12	200 00	12	60	2	5	23	28		1	1		1		1				50	11 00		11 00
8. Chatham.—Rev. E. B. Pike,	May 22, 1869	12	150 00	3	75		14	24	38											55	7 00	5 00	12 00
9. Conway.—Rev. R. Kimball,	Feb. 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	125	6	26	68	94	6		6					3	5	8	100	31 75	156 46	188 21
10. Croydon.—Mr. W. A. Spalding,	July 25, 1868	3½	52 50	3½			8	12	20					3		3							
11. Dalton.—Rev. J. H. Farrar,	May 1, 1868	12	200 00	12																			
12. Danbury.—Rev. J. LeBosquet,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	100	20	32	42	74	12	1	13	1	2		3	2	7	9	75	34 00	15 00	49 00
13. Deering.—Rev. M. Holman,	July 1, 1868	12	187 50	12	75	3	8	30	38		1	1								65	10 00	27 60	37 60
14. Dover, Belknap Ch'h.—Rev. C. C. Watson	June 1, 1869	12	200 00	12	140	20	17	61	78	12	3	15					2	12		170		30 00	30 00
15. Dublin.—Rev. A. J. Fosdick,	May 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	55		5	10	15								1		14	55	6 50	23 00	29
16. Effingham.—Rev. R. Kimball,	May 1, 1869	6	25 00	4																			
17. Enfield.—Rev. V. I. Hartshorn,	May 20, 1869	12	200 00	12	80	8	8	26	34	1		1	1			1		1	1	50	11 00	11 00	22 00
18. Enfield, East.— { Mr. A. H. Parker,	May 1, 1868	4	67 50	4	60		6	18	24											30			
{ Mr. C. H. Rodney,	May 1, 1869	4		4																			
19. Epping.—Rev. J. H. Stearns,	June 1, 1868	12	250 00	12	120		13	39	52											119	45 93	175 95	220 50
20. Gorham.— { Mr. G. W. Seiler,	June 1, 1868	4	200 00	4	65	10	5	32	37	9	3	12					4	7	11	50	12 50	11 00	23 50
{ Rev. G. F. Tewksbury,	Sept. 1, 1868	12		12																			
21. Groton— { Rev. Liba Conant,	Mar. 1, 1868	12	75 00	6	81		11	15	26				1			1				58			
{ Rev. A. W. Fiske,	June 1, 1869	6		3																			
22. Hebron.— { Rev. Liba Conant,	Mar. 1, 1868	12	150 00	6																			
{ Rev. George Butterfield,	May 1, 1869	12		4																			
23. Kensington—Rev. E. D. Eldridge,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	150 00	12	90	3	10	39	49	4		4	2					2	2	83	12 00	76 00	88 00
24. Kingston.—Rev. S. Bixby,	Feb. 1, 1869	12	100 00	12	75	4	8	38	46	6	2	8				2	2	4	6	90	27 40	73 75	101 15
25. Langdon.—Mr. C. P. Sprowld,	July 25,	2	30 00	1																			
26. Lempster.—Rev. R. Howe,	June 1, 1868	12	150 00	12	65	2	24	28	52					2		2				49	10 00	18 60	28 60

27.	Merrimack, South.— Mr. E. S. Huntress	July 1, 1868	2	60 00	2																			
	Mr. W. J. Patterson	Mar. 25, 1869	2		2																			
28.	Meredith Village.—Rev. C. Burnham,	Dec. 1, 1868	12	125 00	12	125	6	10	43	59					1	4	5				80	44 81		44 81
29.	Milton Mills.—Rev. C. F. Page,	Sept. 1, 1868	12	187 00	12	75															70	20 00	9 00	29 00
30.	Newmarket, South— Rev. J. T. Otis,	June 1, 1868	12	200 00	6	70		4	17	21											40	50 00	20 00	70 00
	Rev. J. Bartlett,	Dec. 1, 1868	12		9																			
31.	Newington.—Rev. F. Davis,	Nov. 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	150															60	20 00	5 00	25 00
32.	Ossipee Center.— Rev. T. N. Lord,	Oct. 13, 1868	12	100 00	12	57		15	33	48				2	3		5				45	12 35	15 04	27 59
	Rev. D. S. Hibbard,	Nov. 22, 1868	12		9																			
33.	Ossipee Corner.—Rev. F. P. Smith,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	45															45			
34.	Plainfield.— Mr. R. C. Bell,	May 1, 1868	4	60 00	4	55	2	6	23	29	3		3	6	1		7	1	1	2	35	25 00	23 00	48 00
	Mr. George A. Seely,	May 1, 1869	4		4																			
35.	Roxbury.—Rev. H. Colburn,	April 2, 1869	12	150 00	12	50		4	14	18	7		7						5	5	50			
36.	Sandwich, North.—Mr. J. T. Graves,	Aug. 1, 1868	2	30 00	2			11	16	27														
37.	Seabrook, South.—Mr. William A. Rand,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	150	20	12	16	28	1		1		1		1		1	1	150			
38.	Shelburne.—Rev. C. H. Titus,	May 1, 1868	5	60 00	5																			
39.	Stoddard.— Rev. S. L. Gerould,	Sept. 1, 1868	12	200 00	12	70															80			
	Rev. D. F. Savage,	Jan. 1, 1869	12		8																			
40.	Wakefield.—Rev. D. D. Tappan,	Dec. 1, 1868	12	150 00	12	50	1	7	31	38		3	3	2			2				60	39 15	60 65	99 80
41.	Wilmot.—Rev. C. B. Tracy,	Jan. 1, 1869	12	175 00	12	80	2	18	28	46	1		1					1	1	2	65	21 61	6 46	28 07
42.	Wolfboro', North,—Rev. F. P. Smith,	Aug. 1, 1868	12	100 00	12	45		4	12	16				1			1				35	5 00	5 00	10 00
43.	W. Stewartstown.— Rev. F. Norwood,	Oct. 1, 1868	2	60 00	2	94		5	22	27											60			
	Mr. N. F. Cobleigh,	May 1, 1869	4		4																			

DETAILS AND RESULTS.

1. *Alstead, New.*—"I cannot say there has been any marked religious interest," writes our missionary, "still, our Sabbath services have been well attended; good degree of interest shown in the word preached; prayer meetings well attended; some new families gathered into the Sabbath services; Sabbath school quite interesting, especially the concerts. We need a more earnest spirit of prayer; a stronger sympathy with Christ."

2. *Alstead.*—Some of the largest supporters of the gospel here have suffered a serious loss of property by fire, within the past year; but not discouraged, they still contribute commendably to its maintenance. This is, and has long been, a strong hold of Universalism. For some six or seven months of the past year its adherents had no regular preaching, during which, the congregation of our missionary averaged 115, or more on fair days. Since they have had public worship, which has lessened somewhat the audience of the Orthodox Church. Alstead is an important, hard field, made such, in part, by the influence of Abner Kneeland, who disseminated his destructive errors in this vicinity a half century ago.

3. *Alton.*—Regular preaching has been maintained here during the year, principally by students of Andover Seminary. Mr. C. W. Park of that Institution, performed a mission at Alton of eight weeks, during his spring vacation, to great acceptance of the people and with good results. The church there is very small, but citizens of the place are earnest in sustaining gospel institutions. They need and greatly desire a permanent ministry, which it hoped they may soon have.

4. *Andover, East.*—Our missionary enterprise in this part of the town, is new. For years missionaries labored in the central and west parts of the town, but for several years last past till the present, no regular Congregational preaching was

had in the town, nor much of any other denomination. A small Free Will Baptist Church in the "East," has had preaching more or less by students from the Seminary of that name at New Hampton. At the request of several men not connected with any church, Congregational preaching has been maintained there for more than a year past; Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., supplying till January last, when Rev. Howard Moody took his place under commission from the New Hampshire Missionary Society. There are members of a former Orthodox church scattered over the town, whom our missionary is endeavoring to bring together again in the support of the ordinances of the gospel. To his faithful, earnest labors to this end, it is hoped God may add his blessing. Under date of July 5th, Mr. Moody writes: "Yesterday we observed the communion for the first time since I commenced my labor here. Six out of the seven resident members were present. We had the pleasure of receiving six new members; four by letter, and two by profession. These are very valuable young men. I have some hope one of them may enter on a course of study for the ministry. The gospel, I think, is making a constantly increasing impression on those who regularly attend meeting. A Ladies' Cent Society has been formed, and we have taken a collection for Home Missions, which we are trying to make $30.00. The difficulties in our way are indifference, ignorance, minister-hating, whisky, Sabbath desecration, &c. We are expecting a number to join at our next communion.

5. *Canaan.*—So far as this field has been occupied for the past three years, it has been supplied by students, during their vacations of four months, from May to September, from the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. The present supply is Mr. A. W. Hubbard, who is well received. Within a year, two new places of worship have been established in the town; one at Factory Village, in the North part, and one at Canaan Depot, in the East section of the town. Within its limits, are some six or seven places of public worship. There is but little prospect the Congregational Church there will be self-sustaining.

6. *Center Harbor.*—Mr. J. H. Bliss was preaching here at our last anniversary. For some time after he left, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. J. B. Hadley, of Campton, under whose ministrations there was considerable religious interest, and some hopeful conversions. The interest continued through the winter and spring, in the absence of preaching. Prayer meetings were held with large attendance and much interest, three per week. Efforts were made to obtain a permanent preacher, but without success. About the first of June, Mr. C. M. Ferry, our missionary last year at Bethlehem and Franconia, began to serve here and continues with great acceptance to the people. He will leave about the first of September. Center Harbor is a difficult, but important field. It has had missionary aid from the first of the existence of the church there, and is likely to need it for years to come.

7. *Charlestown.*—Matters remain much as in many past years here. The Congregational Society consists of only four or five men; only four male members in the church. This town is a stronghold of religious error; the fruits of which are seen in desecration of the Sabbath, profanity, intemperance, hatred of evangelical truth, and of its adherents. "I cannot say," remarks the missionary, "we have made much progress during the year, yet we have done something. Two of our church members have made the Society a present of the Hall, back of the church, and we have put it in repair at an expense of $150.00. With the two rooms connected with it, it will make a very convenient place for our prayer meetings, sewing circles," &c. Our little church in this town struggles with great difficulties, and must continue to do so without special interposition of God.

8. *Chatham.*—This church is united with that in the adjoining town of Stowe, in Maine, in the support of the ministry. Both churches are small and feeble. Neither have yet a meeting house, but they intend to build one between them near the line separating the two towns. A Society has been organized for this purpose, materials are being procured; the building to be erected this season. Mr. Pike, our missionary there, is laboring earnestly in hope and faith.

9. *Conway.*—Rev. Reuben Kimball, who had labored faithfully in this town, at the "North" and the "South" for thirteen years, closed his services in January last. The church was desirous of his remaining their teacher, but he felt a younger and more healthy man would be more useful, and he resigned. During his ministry, seventy-five were added to the church. He is succeeded by Mr. Edward P. Eastman, a native of the town. Conway has become a place of large resort for summer pleasure residence; the effects of which, on the interests of godliness, in many respects, is unfavorable.

10. *Croydon.*—This church, for years, has had only occasional supplies. The last was Mr. William A. Spalding, of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine, who labored here between three and four months, from August to October of 1868. The church is greatly reduced, and must soon become extinct, without the special interposition of God to prevent.

11. *Dalton.*—Rev. H. Farrar, our missionary here for three years previously to May 1, 1869, closed his mission at that date. Earnest effort was made to secure a successor, but without success. A Methodist preacher is supplying the people for the present. The church there is near to extinction, in consequence of deaths and removals.

12. *Danbury.*—Our missionary writes: "A very pleasing revival we have had during the past winter, some of the conversions being of a very interesting and encouraging character. This church would gain strength, but for constant removals. It holds an important position as regards the missionary field generally. It would be a great calamity for it not to be well sustained." Hopeful conversions, 20; additions to the church 13, of whom 12 by profession.

13. *Deering.*—"In compairing the present with a year since, we are persuaded we have made some progress. More has been contributed to objects of benevolence. Our meetings on the Sabbath are well attended, and our prayer meetings interesting. Two will unite with the church, by profes-

sion, on the first Sabbath in July, and two others we expect on the first Sabbath in September; so we are laboring on in hope. Our heart's desire and prayer is, that God may convert and save this people." Thus writes our missionary.

14. *Dublin.*—Report: "We are witnessing more interest in religion than at any time before, since I have been in town. The first Sabbath in July, young ———— united with the church by profession, and from that time the interest has increased and deepened. Quite a number are anxiously enquiring the way of life. This is what I have been anxiously looking for, but had come almost to despair of ever seeing in this moral Sahara. May the Lord grant us a rich harvest of souls, and thus may his kingdom come here." Dublin is a very strong hold of Unitarianism.

15. *Dover.*—Belknap Church. This church sustained the ministry for several years last past without missionary aid; but is again on our list of aided churches. It occupies an important position in this growing city, and it is to be hoped it will ere long become permanently self-sustaining.

16. *Effingham.*—The church here, long destitute of regular Congregational preaching, is now favored with the labors (half of the time) of Rev. Reuben Kimball, late of Conway, who divides his time equally between Effingham and Parsonsfield, Maine, an adjoining town. Under his earnest, judicious, prayerful efforts, we may hope these feeble and long destitute churches will be revived and strengthened.

17. *Enfield.*—Under the acceptable and useful services of Mr. Hartshorn, the little church here holds its own, and makes some progress; but it cannot become strong until it has a meeting house, but such it is unable to build at present. It worships in a hall fitted for the purpose. This church is in a thriving village on the line of the Northern Railroad, and must be sustained.

18. *Enfield, East.*—This place is some six miles from Enfield; has a "Union meeting-house," in which missions of four months have been performed, for three years past, by students from Princeton Seminary. Our present incumbent

here is Mr. C. H. Rodney, from that Institution. No Congregational Church exists here, though several members of the church in Enfield reside at the "East," and attend the ministrations of our missionaries; indeed, are their principal pecuniary and moral supporters. The "East" is, in many respects, the most important part of the town, and needs the constant ministrations of the gospel.

19. *Epping.*—Matters move on here much as in many past years. No essential change. Average congregation about 120. Contributions to benevolent objects, $220.00, of which $45.43 to Home Missions. The pastor writes: "These small places that send away many of their young men, are doing something for larger places. I have recently been informed that a young man, who a few years ago was a member of this Sabbath school, is now Superintendent of a Sabbath school, and a Deacon of a newly organized Congregational Church in the State of New Jersey."

20. *Gorham.*—Rev. Mr. Tewksbury returned to this field, in which he had previously labored several years, on the first of September last, and finds much to encourage. He writes: "The past year of my commission has been one of unusual interest. We feel that we have enjoyed a truly precious revival. We have never before, in our labors with this people, known what it was to have so interesting and profitable meetings. Our Sabbath school library has been replenished the past season by the addition of $80.00 worth of new books. Our Society raised $55.00 for this object, and the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society made us a grant of books to the amount of $25.00. This is a new encouragement." Gorham, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railroad, where is a large amount of pleasure visitors in Summer, is one of our most important missionary districts, and should be carefully cultivated.

21. *Groton.* Rev. Liba Conant, who had faithfully labored here and at Hebron, for twenty years or more, on account of age and declining health, felt it duty to resign his charge about the first of October last, and removed to Orford. From

that time to June, there was but little preaching. At that time Rev. A. W. Fiske commenced preaching at Groton, where he is engaged for six months. The church here is small and feeble, but exhibits, in connection with a portion of the people of the town, commendable earnestness to enjoy the stated privileges of the sanctuary. During Rev. Mr. Conant's ministry, they had his services but half of the time. They desire and intend to have, if possible, the entire services of their minister.

22. *Hebron; see Groton.*—Rev. George Butterfield commenced serving this church and people May 1. They have made unusual, and for them, great effort to raise funds, with what they may obtain from our missionary, so to secure the undivided labors of their minister, who is doing what he can, in various ways, to promote their spiritual interests.

23. *Kensington.* Our missionary here continues his earnest, judicious, acceptable labors, for the welfare, social, intellectual, moral and spiritual, of his flock; and thus, as we should expect, with the divine blessing, truth is getting a stronger hold of the intellect and heart of his people; the church is acquiring solidity and reliableness of character. The children and youth are growing up with promise of usefulness. A son of the pastor is a member of Amherst College, preparing for the ministry.

24. *Kingston.* Mr. Bixby writes: "We cannot report any marked religious interest with us; yet there is no falling off, but an increase of attendance on the Sabbath worship. I trust there has been two cases of conversion recently."

25. *Lempster.*—No essential change in the state of this church and people, within the year. No organized religious society, aside from the church itself, which possesses but small pecuniary means. It sustained the ordinances of the gospel without foreign aid for some hundred years; but deaths and removals have so weakened it that it must have such aid in order to enjoy these ordinances longer.

26. *Langdon.*—For a few years past, the church here received the ministerial services of Rev. Moses Gerould, for

such compensation as they could render themselves. He has left within the present year, in consequence of impaired health. Now, if the church shall have preaching, they feel they must have missionary aid. Mr. C. P. Sprowle, member of the Seminary, Andover, is passing his fall vacation of two months with this church, under commission from our Missionary Society.

27. *Merrimack, South.*—This church has been supplied, most of the time for nearly two years past, by students from the Andover Seminary, who came on Saturday and returned on Monday, serving the church mostly for their travelling expenses. During vacations in the Seminary, students have labored here under commission from our Missionary Society, one of whom, we deeply regret to record, has recently met sudden death, Mr. William J. Patterson, a young man of much promise.

28. *Meredith Village.*—This church was entered on the list of aided churches in 1815, more than a half century since. It is becoming stronger, and pledges itself to assume the entire support of the gospel within some three years. Last winter a considerable religious interest prevailed in the church and congregation, resulting in several hopeful conversions. One hundred and thirty dollars have recently been raised for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

29. *Milton Mills.*—No Congregational church exists in this place. Remnants of a Baptist church unite with a small number of Congregationalists living here, in support of preaching of our order. Mr. Page states: "Our congregation, on the Sabbath, has never been larger than this summer, nor our Sabbath school more prosperous. Intemperance is still a crying evil amongst us, especially among our foreign population, Irish and Canadian French, connected with the mills. Our monthly concert has been kept up. Our progress in the right direction has been slow, still, I think there has been progress."

30. *New Market, South.*—Rev. J. T. Otis retired from missionary service here after six months from date of Com-

mission, and was at once followed by Rev. J. Bartlett, many years pastor at Buxton, Maine, who writes: "Our affairs are hopeful. We are endeavoring to prepare the way for an enlargement of our house of worship, that shall furnish free sittings to any who will accept them. There seems to be a steady and heartfelt interest in the services of the Sabbath, also in the Sabbath school."

31. *Newington.*—No church organization here yet. The religious society small. No other society or preaching in town. Most of the people little interested in sustaining preaching; little sympathy with ministers. A hard field, but one that should be cultivated.

32. *Ossipee Center.*—Rev. F. N. Lord left at the close of his commission in October, and has been succeeded by Rev. D. S. Hibbard, grandson of the venerated Rev. David Sutherland, many years pastor at Bath. The church is small. The religious society small, and must remain so, as churches of other names are in close proximity. But it is strictly Puritan and exerts and must exert a very healthful influence on the community.

33. *Ossipee Corner.*—No Congregational church here, though several members of the church at the Center reside in this part of the town, the seat of the Courts of Carroll county. Our missionary labors here half the time, the other half at North Wolfeborough. This is an important post; several county officers reside here, some of whom show deep interest in having the preaching of the gospel. Meeting-house about to be repaired, and a bell procured; Sabbath school flourishing; a new library; better attendance on Sabbath services than any time previously, since Mr. Smith came there. Prayer meeting weekly, well attended.

34. *Plainfield.*—Mr. Robert C. Bell, from Princeton Seminary, served here four months last year with acceptance and usefulness. Mr. George A. Seeley, from the same Seminary, commenced labor here May 1, 1869, commissioned for some length of time. He states: "During the summer, no special religious interest, though the effects of the little awakening

during the winter are still apparent in the case of a few. Weekly meetings for prayer have been sustained; a Sabbath evening meeting in the outskirts of the congregation; the good seed has been sown, and, we trust, will at some day bring forth an abundant harvest to the Great Husbandman." Preaching was had in this place most of the winter, by Rev. Mr. Catlin, living at Meriden.

35. *Roxbury.*—This is a very small town. Population, two hundred. Church is small; male members, four; female, fourteen; additions, by profession, seven; adult baptisms, five; several deeply moved, in view of their sins; others hopefully converted. Two young men, belonging to the town, are preparing for the ministry; one has just completed his academic course, the other nearly fitted for college by private study. Both are earnest and promising, fired with love to Christ. Their attendance on our meetings is encouragement to labor on in this barren field; and inspires the hope that the Lord may use some others of this feeble band, trained up on these hills, comparatively free from the vices of our large places, when they go out from us to life's great battle, to fill important places in his vineyard, "make them strong pillars in his church, and reapers in the great harvest."

36. *Sandwich, North.*—Mr. J. T. Graves, from the Andover Seminary, served here two months last year, August and September. Since then, there have been but two Sabbaths' preaching in the Congregational church. The trustees have assured the church of their readiness to assist them in sustaining the ordinances of the gospel, but few and feeble, they have not felt they could secure them with all the aid which would be proper to ask from our Missionary Society. For the present they worship, more or less, with the new Free-Will Baptist Church in their vicinity. Some excellent men and women belong to our little church here. We will hope they may, ere long, enjoy the ministrations of the gospel in their own recently repaired house of worship.

37. *Seabrook, South.*—Mr. Rand, our missionary, continues his arduous labors here amidst great difficulties and

under discouragements that would overwhelm most men. He has undertaken the erection of a house of worship for a very poor community, soliciting funds for the enterprise, in person, in the larger towns in this and the State of Massachusetts. The edifice is up, enclosed and painted; the basement fitted, rudely, for public worship. It will require large effort and toil to obtain the means to complete the structure, but Mr. Rand seems confident he will yet be able to secure them. Already he has obtained, and used on the building, some $3000. He has great influence over the people. They view him as their benefactor, as well they may. His congregation averages one hundred and fifty in a population of five hundred. Twenty hopeful conversions are reported. Sabbath school contains one hundred and fifty. New one are coming to the meeting and entering the Sabbath school. A great work is yet to be done here.

38. *Shelburne.*—Rev. E. H. Titus, formerly pastor at Beverly, Mass., now at Bethel, Maine, was laboring here at our last anniversary, on a mission of five months. Since its close, in October, there has been no regular preaching of any order in the town. No male members in the church, and but two or three females. To all human view, the church must soon become entirely extinct. Population of the town in 1860, three hundred and eighteen; now considerably less, probably, as emigration is constant. The gospel should be preached there, but no prospect of it at present.

39. *Stoddard.*—Rev. S. L. Gerould, our missionary here for several years, closed his services in September last, and is now pastor of the church in Goffstown. He was succeeded January 1st, by Rev. D. F. Savage. Deaths and removals, within a year or two past, have greatly weakened the church and much discouraged the few who remain. This is a very hard field; intemperance, Sabbath-breaking, and other immoralities, are prevalent. But there would be more but for the restraining influence of the public ministrations of the gospel.

40. *Wakefield.*—Our missionary here labors with untiring energy and fidelity, amid great discouragements. The

church contains but seven male members, most of whom are aged or infirm, and cannot often attend public worship; the few young female members are, more or less, absent; no male members on the ground under 40 years of age? "Yet this church occupies a position of importance in the region, having a good house of worship, with a fine bell, located so as to accommodate a considerable population, if they would attend. When the spirit of *Home Evangelization* shall fully take possession of our Zion here, may she lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes."

41. *Wilmot.* No essential change in this town within the year now reported. Mr. Tracy has been deeply afflicted by the death of his wife, an excellent christian lady, and is now left without any family at home. He writes his health is feeble, and it is doubtful whether he can remain our missionary much longer. But that ground should still be cultivated.

42. *Wolfeboro', North.* Mr. F. P. Smith gives to this church and people half his time and powers; the other half to Ossipee Corner. He can report no revival, but a prosperous Sabbath school of fifty-five members. The school has been greatly benefited by a legacy of a benevolent gentleman of Danvers, Mass., to this church, invested in Sabbath school books. These are read with interest and profit by parents and children, especially on Sabbaths when they have no preaching.

43. *West Stewartstown.* Rev. Francis Norwood, from Beverly, Mass., labored faithfully here during October and November last. The present incumbent is Mr. Cobleigh, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. His commission is for four months from May 1st. He writes that an increasing attendance is seen on the Sabbath and at the prayer meetings; Sabbath school flourishing. This is a wide missionary field, and should be constantly occupied by faithful men.

SHORT MISSIONS.

As in several years past, the trustees have employed members of theological seminaries to labor during their vacations of from two to four months, with churches unable to enjoy preaching the whole year. Vacations in different seminaries occurring at different seasons of the year, we have been able, in some instances, to secure to churches longer periods of missionary service than could otherwise have been done, by members of three or four seminaries. Disadvantages attend this measure; but the advantages are supposed to be greater. From the seminary, Princeton, N. J., within our financial year, we have commissioned Messrs. J. H. O'Brien and A. W. Hubbard to the church in Canaan; Messrs. A. H. Parker and C. H. Rodney, from the same institution, to Centre and East Enfield; also from the same, Messrs. Robert C. Bell and Geo. A. Seeley, to Plainfield. From the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y., Messrs. J. H. Bliss and C. M. Ferry to Centre Harbor, and Mr. N. F. Cobleigh, to West Stewartstown. Messrs. E. S. Huntress and Wm. J. Patterson, from Andover Seminary, to South Merrimack, C. W. Park to Alton, and J. F. Graves to North Sandwich. From the Bangor Seminary, Mr. Wm. A. Spalding to Croydon. All the churches, served by the above named young men, report not only entire satisfaction, but much interest in their labors in and out of the pulpit. The impression they leave is only good. They preach twice on the Sabbath, and occasionally on week days in school districts; hold weekly prayer-meetings, encourage Sabbath schools, and visit from house to house for religious conversation and prayer. In these various ways they make themselves very useful. An evil, however, is incident, that cannot be avoided. Many of these young ministers are superior, attractive men, so interesting the churches which they serve that they will not be satisfied with ordinary pulpit performances, but become fastidious and demand an order of preachers they cannot support. What shall be done? Shall we cease

to employ such young men for our feeble churches, to avoid the evil in question? Then, many such churches can have little or no ministerial service from any quarter, for ordained ministers with families cannot be obtained for such services. The trustees feel the evil in the case; but they deem it greater evil that numbers of our feeble churches should have no ministrations of the gospel at all.

DECAYING CHURCHES NOT TO BE HASTILY ABANDONED.

Christ says of his people, "Ye are the salt of the earth; the light of the world." How has the truth of these words been illustrated by the history of the church and the world! It is seen in the influence of the church of Christ in all nations where it has existed; though its light has shone and still shines too dimly, it has substituted civilization for the lowest barbarism; refinement for degredation; knowledge for ignorance; energy for listlessness; industry for idleness; love of order for confusion; and morals for vice and crime; the fear of God for the service of Satan. All this is seen in different portions of nominally christian lands. It is verified by the intellectual, moral and religious condition of different communities of our own little commonwealth. In towns, in which, from their first settlement, evangelical churches have existed and have maintained without interruption an educated godly ministry, we find, generally, a high order of society, characterized by intelligence, refinement, energy, industry, thrift, temperance, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, keeping the Sabbath and reverencing the sanctuary. In towns originally settled without a christian church, and a godly ministry, or in which such a church and ministry have disappeared, there we find the absence of these varied excellences of character, and in their place their opposites—a revolting condition of things. An illustration: In a town in

this State, settled more than a century ago, in which a christian church was early planted, over which was settled a godly ministry, and in which, for more than half a century, was a sober, moral, church-going, religious people, a sad change has occurred. The church, from various causes, declined in character and strength, became fitful and irresolute in support of the ministry, until it is now all but extinct. Their once beautiful house of worship is in ruins. What is the result to the morals and character of the existing inhabitants of the town? Hear the testimony of the almost only remaining male member of the church in that town. In a letter to the Secretary on the first instant, he says: "A Mr. F., an Adventist, took possession of the school-house, where we ordinarily meet, and has held it ever since. He has been joined by the "Come-outers" of every name; so that our little school house has been turned into a miniature Pandemonium. To-day, a blind female preached there. The moral state of this community may be imagined, but cannot be easily described. Ever since we have been destitute of a pastor, the morals of the people have been rapidly deteriorating. The religious element has been too small and weak to give tone to public sentiment. The consequence is, C. has become one of the waste places of the land." The same sad tale might be told of numerous other towns in the State, once in a healthful condition of morals, under the influence of an instructive, faithful, christian ministry, but now, for years past, destitute of such. Many other towns, in which our feeble churches are located, would inevitably deterioate in like manner, were these to become extinct. How important then to raise and keep them alive as long as possible! This should be done for other considerations; principally, that souls may be converted and saved, and in connection, that christian ministers may be raised up to supply in future these feeble and other churches. It is a well known fact that such are reared in much larger numbers in our rural than in our large manufacturing and mercantile towns and cities. Goodly numbers of ministers have come and are still coming from our mission

churches. Two of the sons of our very feeble church in Roxbury are now in a course of education for the ministry; a son, also, of our missionary at Deering; another, of our missionary at Kensington. These two are now in college. The great defficiency of well educated, efficient ministers, to meet the demands of the home and foreign fields, would become greater, were our feeble churches to die out.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Much home missionary work needs yet to be done in our own little state. Indeed, its necessities are not much less to-day than when our New Hampshire Missionary Society was first organized. But New Hampshire is less than one four hundredth part of our national territory; more than three-fourths of which is missionary ground. More than that proportion of our national domain lies west of the Mississippi river, nearly all of which is such ground. Such, too, is more than half the territory east of that river. It may be safely stated, that of the nearly 4,000,000 square miles, over which our national flag waves, 3,000,000 are either yet to be planted with the institutions of the gospel, or the few such institutions now existing in some limited sections of this vast area, are to-day, most of them, in need of missionary aid for their support. Never before was such a tide of immigration flowing into our country as now. It comes both from Europe and Asia, dashing against both our Atlantic and Pacific shores; the tides rolling inward from the east and west, till they meet and mingle and spread over our immense national territory, bearing on their waves Jew and Gentile, Barbarian and Scythian; the Chinese idolator, the adherents of the man of sin; the Mormon, the rationalist, the infidel, the atheist; the Sabbath breaker, the despiser of the sanctuary—vast hordes, impatient of all moral and governmental restraint.

Now the fact is known and read of all men, that the original settlers of towns and states, give them a sort of permanent character. If the character of such settlers be good, if they are intelligent, moral, fearing God, keeping the Sabbath and reverencing the sanctuary; if early in their settlement they establish religious and educational institutions, and support them, they give to the places of their residence, for generations, corresponding character; so if the character of the first settlers be the opposite of all this. See it illustrated in the history and character of the towns and colonies settled by the New England Pilgrims, on the one hand; on the other, in the history and character of Canada East, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Eutah. The irreligious, the infidel, the anti-christian, the heathen communities now settling on the lines of the great Pacific Railroad, and its branches, will impart their own character to their posterity for generations, unless gospel institutions shall be established in them in their forming period. How can this be done? In no way but through home missions.

It is cause for devout gratitude to God that all our evangelical denominations of christians see and feel this, and are acting under this conviction with more or less energy. All are sending, or making preparation to send, their pioneers to the new settlements, not only on the lines of our great national railway, but to the growing towns and cities, in all parts of our great country.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Among the various home missionary societies and boards, the *American Home*, to which our own State Society is auxiliary, occupies a grand, imposing position. Its fields now stretch from Lake Superior to the Rio Grande, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Its missionaries, numbering 972, ministering to 1956 congregations and missionary districts, in 28 different states and territories, are sowing the

seeds of piety, morality, good order, education, obedience to law, benevolence, patriotism, philanthropy. Conservatives are they and the churches which they organize, and to which they minister, of whatsover things are lovely and of good report in the domestic and social relations; in civil government, in national existence. More than all, instrumentally, they are preparing untold multitudes for a glorious immortality. No finite mind can estimate the value of home missionary enterprise to the present and to the future millions of our countrymen. Let this enterprise then take strong hold of our hearts; let it stimulate us to more prayerful, earnest effort for its success.

In behalf of the Trustees,

WILLIAM CLARK, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

For the Year ending August 15th, 1869.

The New Hampshire Missionary Society in account with
Benjamin P. Stone, *Treasurer.*

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To paid feeble churches, congregations and missionaries,		$5,484 07
American Home Missionary Society, donated by Trustees,	$1,500	
American Home Missionary Society, donated by churches and individuals,	1,198 31	
American Home Missionary Society, legacies,	288 00	
		2,986 31
Rev. Wm. Clark, Secretary, salary, $1,000; his traveling expenses, $180; postage on letters and circulars, $30.38; stationery, $15.04; circulars, $4.50; stamps, $1.62, and expressage, $1.00,		1,232 54
Salary of Treasurer, $150 00; his bill for postage, stamps, stationery and expressage, $27 74,		177 74
McFarland & Jenks, for printing Annual Report,		132 84
Salary of the Treasurer of the Cent Institution,		30 00
Rev. Charles Shedd,		15 00
Counterfeit scrip,		4 00
Balance carried to new account,		2,589 16
		$12,651 66
		Cr.
By balance from last year's account,		$4,904 70
Donations from churches and individuals,		3,187 97
Donations from the N. H. Female Cent Institution,		2,402 28
Legacies,		175 36
Donations for the American Home Missionary Society,		1,298 35
Legacies for the American Home Missionary Society,		288 00
Income of the Permanent Fund,		160 00
Interest of the Memorial Fund,		200 00
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,		20 00
Cash for a western missionary,		15 00
		$12,651 66

I have examined the account and vouchers of B. P. Stone, for the year closing August 15, 1869, and find them correct; leaving a balance in his hands of two thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixteen cents, ($2,589.16.) S. G. LANE, Auditor.

The whole amount received from all sources, during the year, is $7,849.36. Of this sum, $1,486.31, including $288.36 in legacies, were for the American Home Missionary Society, leaving $6,363.05 for the New Hampshire Missionary Society. Of this sum, $2,602.28, including $200 interest of the Memorial Fund, were from the Female Cent Institution; $175.36 legacies, $160 income of the Permanent Fund, $20 from Rev. Wm. Clark, for supplying pulpits, and $15 for a western missionary; leaving $3,390.41, donations by churches and individuals.

There have been paid directly to the American Home Missionary Society, $512.98 in donations, and $13,172.60 in legacies, making the whole sum paid to the American Home Missionary Society, from this State, during the year, including $1,500 appropriated by the Trustees, $16,671.89; and the whole sum raised in the State for the cause, $21,534.94; the largest amount ever before raised in one year.

The disbursements during the year have been $10,119.52, of which $7,118.21 were expended in this State. Compared with last year, the total receipts are $748.83 less; for the American Home Missionary Society, $12,830.64 more; for the Cent Institution $182.18 more; from churches and individuals $184.86 less. Total received for the cause, $9,724.90 more. The Memorial Fund is now $3,410; increase during the year, $900.

RECEIPTS.

Acworth—Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Mrs. T. M. Dickey life member, $19; Ladies' Charitable Society in full to constitute Mrs. Dickey life member, $19.70,	$38 70
Alstead—Congregational church and society, $6; B. H. Fisher, $1.50,	7 50
Amherst—Congregational church and society to constitute Dr. Edward Aiken and Mrs. Sarah C. Aiken life members,	80 00
Bath—Congregational church and society to constitute George Wallace life member, 29.11; Rev. Asa Mann, $15; C. C. Hutchins, in part to constitute life member, $10,	54 11
Bedford—Presbyterian church and society,	56 41
Bennington—Individual,	3 00
Campton—Congregational church and society,	14 85
Candia—Congregational church and society, to constitute Edmund Hill life member, $83.55; E. Hill and wife, $3; cash 5,	91 55
Canterbury—Congregational church and society,	17 04
Chester—Congregational church and society, to constitute Dearbor Knowles life member, $30. Isaac Lane, in part to constitute his daughter, Martha B. Lane, life member, $10.	40 00
Chichester—Congregational church and society,	6 50
Claremont—Congregational church and society, $9.40; ditto, to constitute Dea. Wm. E. Thompson and Geo. H. Whitcomb, life members, $57,02.	66 42
Colebrook—Congregational church and society,	13 00
Cornish—Mrs. J. Corning,	1 00
Croydon—Seth Littlefield, $10; George W. Littlefield, Union, Union county, New York, $19.	29 00
Concord—First Congregational church and society, $45; ditto, to constitute Calvin Smart and Hiram J. Carter life members of American Home Missionary Society, $90.81; Mrs. Charlotte Wolson, for American Home Missionary Society, $500.	635 81
Concord, East—Congregational church and society.	6 00
Concord West—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Rev. A. B. Putnam life member,	20 20
Concord, South—Congregational church and society.	45 00
Dalton—Congregational church and society.	9 11

Deerfield—Congregational church and society, for American Home Missionary Society, 20 00

Deering—Congregational church and society, 10 00

Derry—First Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Mrs. Sarah Cromby and Mrs. S. D. Parsons life members, $40.75; First Church, to constitute Ebenezer Cogswell and Frank W. Parker, life members American Home Missionary Society, $60.00, 100 75

Dublin—Congregational church and society, 6 30

Durham—Congregational church and society, 83 00

Dunbarton—Congregational church and society, 10 00

East Andover—Congregational church and society, in part to constitute Jos. Cogswell life member, 17 60

Epping—Congegational church and society. 33 68

Enfield—Congregational church and society, 6 00

Exeter—Second Congregational church and society. 127 00

Farmington—Congregational church and society, 32 65

Fisherville—Congregational church and society, to constitute Rev. A. W. Fiske, Calvin Gage, J. L. Martin life members of A. H. M. S. 90 00

Francestown—Congregational church and society, $72.77; Israel Bachelder, $125; Joseph Kingsbury, for the A. H. M. S., $50, 247 77

Gilmanton—Congregational church and society, 15 67

Goffstown—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. A. E. Warren life member. 30 00

Gorham—Congregational church and society, 20 50

Greenland—Congregational church and society, 34 50

Groton—Parker Blood, life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00

Hampton—Congregational church and society, 11 50

Hampstead—Congregational church and society, $17; ditto, for the American Home Missionary Society, $7, 24 00

Haverhill—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. Hannah L. Bailey life member. 43 78

Hancock—Congregational church and society. 12 77

Hanover Center—Congregational church and society. 4 00

Henniker—Congregational church and society, $50; to constitute Mrs. Laura W. Clarke life member of American Home Missionary Society, $75, 120 00

Hollis—Congregational church and society, for American Home Missionary Society, $118.85; John Shedd, for American Home Missionary Society, $50; Mrs. R. Lovejoy, to constitute her daughter, Mrs. Susan E. Gates, life member of American Home Missionary Society, $30, 198 85

Hopkinton—Congregational church and society, 25 00
Hudson—Daniel Gage, to constitute Daniel T. Gage, Mrs. Maria K. Gage and Mrs. Mary E. Gage, life members of American Home Missionary Society, 90 00
Jaffrey—Congregational church and society, 12 00
Keene—First Congregational church and society, $56; A friend $5; Ladies' Heshbon Society, $25; Second Congregational church and society monthly concert, $48.56; ditto, church and society, $27.33, 161 89
Kensington—Congregational church and society, 12 00
Kingston—Congregational church and society, 9 00
Laconia—Congregational church and society, 17 50
Langdon—Congregational church and society, 4 00
Lebanon—Congregational church and society, 27 00
Lempster—Congregational church and society, 9 70
Lisbon—Mrs. Woodworth, $1; C. P. Newcomb, $5, 6 00
Littleton—Congregational church and society, for American Home Mission Society, 22 00
Lyme—Congregational church and society, to constitute Mrs. Thomas Lambert, Benjamin C. Newell and Frank E. Dimick, life members of American Home Missionary Society, 100 00
Manchester—First Congregational church and society, $35.75; ditto, to constitute Charles R. Morriaon, Dea. Henry Clough, Leonard French, Dea. Peter K. Chandler, Geo. P. Rockwell, Horace Pettee, Daniel Farmer, and Horace P. Watts, life members of American Home Missionary Society, $254.50, 290 25
Manchester—Second church, $6; B. Southworth, to constitute Miss Martha W. Hubbard life member of American Home Missionary Society, $30, 36 00
Mason—Congregational church and society, 3 50
Mason—Second Congregational church and society, 5 00
Marlborough—Congregational church and society, for the American Home Missionary Society, 2 75
Merrimack—Congregational church and society, $60; Rev. W. Pratt, $2, 62 00
Meredith Village—Congregational church and society, $17; Rev. C. Burnham, $5, 22 00
Milton Mills—Congregational church and society, 9 55
Mont Vernon—Dea. Wm. Conant, to constitute his daughter, Martha E. Conant, life member of American Home Missionary Society, 30 00
Moultonborough—Mrs. Maratha H. Dodge, annual subscriber, two years, 4 00

—Olive Street church and society, $77.74; Pearl Street church and society, $108.98,	186 72
:—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Mrs. Susan Davis, and in part to constitute James Karr, life members, two payments,	52 97
tead—Congregational church and society,	4 00
'ampt on—Mrs. Mary R. Chapman, to constitute Dea. S. Chapman life member,	30 00
Conway—Congregational church and society, $20.15; Mrs. Ruth Colby, $5; R. K. $2,	27 15
-Congregational church and society.	10 90
'on—Congregational society,	9 00
Center—Congregational church and society,	12 35
'e—Congregational church and society, two pay-payments to constitute Rev. Rufus A. Putnam life member,	37 77
—Congregational church and society, $36.60; Mrs. H. C. Wyman, for the American Home Missionary Society, $20,	56 60
'ough—Congregational church and society,	5 00
d—Congregational church and society,	34 65
d—Congregational church and society,	20 10
ld—Rev. Jacob Scales and others,	9 50
—Ladies' Charitable Society, $28.65; church and society, $10.78,	39 43
:ev. Giles Leach,	5 00
'ton—Congregational church and society,	28 00
'ton Bridge—Congregational church and society, in full to constitute Jason Foss nnd Richard Firth of Northfield life members,	43 42
ry—Congregational church and society,	7 00
Jerrimack—Rov. D. Sawyer, $4; A friend $5,	9 00
k and Hampton Falls—Congregational church and society,	12 50
rd—Balance of last year's collection,	75
m—Congregational church and society, to constitute Caleb Wiggin life member of American Home Missionary Society,	30 00
n—Congregational church and society,	14 00
Newmarket—Congregational church and society,	10 10
rth—Congregational church and society,	11 00
-Congregational church and society,	22 58
r—Congregational church and society, in full for Mrs. Judith Stewart, and in part for Gilman A. Bean, life members,	23 42
'eld—Congregational church and society,	14 16
'e—Congregational church and society,	48 10
ngton—Congregational church and society,	17 00
r—Congregational church and society,	25 10

Wilmot—Congregational church and society,	21 15
Wilton—Congregational church and society, two collections,	59 00
West Lebanon—Congregational church and society, to constitute Rev. John M. Edwards life member,	35 00
Wolfeborough—Congregational church and society,	9 25

LEGACIES.

Durham—Legacy of Miss Griffin,	$100 00
Portsmouth—Legacy of Esther Mullenox,	75 36
Peterborough—Legacy of Moses Wilkins $200, less tax $12, for the American Home Missionary Society,	188 00
New London—Legacy of Sarah Brown, for the American Home Missionary Society,	100 00
	$463 36

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rockingham County Conference,	$17 00
Merrimack County Conference,	12 08
Sullivan County Conference,	15 90
For a needy western missionary,	15 00
Avails of supplying pulpits by Rev. Wm. Clark,	20 00
A Friend in Rockingham County,	2 00
Income of Permanent Fund,	160 00
N. H. Cent Institution,	2,602 28
	$2,844 18

PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	Tract.*	Education.†	Home Missions.	Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.	Seamen.‡
Strafford, Belknap and Carroll,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March,
Merrimack,	June, July,	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March,	April, May,
Rockingham,	August, September	October, November	December, January	February, March,	April, May.	June, July,
Hillsborough,	October, November	December, January	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September
Cheshire and Sullivan,	December, January	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September	October, November
Grafton and Coos,	February, March,	April, May,	June, July,	August, September	October, November	December, January

*Also, Congregational Board of Publication. †Also, Western Collegiate and Theological Education. ‡Also, American Foreign and Christian Union.

TABLE.

Showing the Places where the Anniversaries of the Society have been held, including the Place of its Organization, in 1801, *and the whole amount raised in the State for Home Missions each year.*

YEARS. PLACES.	AMOUNT.
1801—Hopkinton,	51.63
1802—Concord,	386.62
1803—Concord,	309.46
1804—Concord,	406.09
1805—Hopkinton,	602.84
1806—Hopkinton,	611.49
1807—Hopkinton,	600.66
1808—Concord,	1,290.48
1809—Concord,	735.92
1810—Concord,	1,288.27
1811—Dunbarton,	953.92
1812—Hollis,	1,520.58
1813—Plymouth,	932.27
1814—Hanover,	2,638.90
1815—Keene,	2,807.98
1816—Concord,	2,633.36
1817—Exeter,	2,395.05
1818—Dover,	2,427.10
1819—Haverhill,	2,537.21
1820—Portsmouth,	1,712.56
1821—New Ipswich,	1,851.07
1822—Pembroke,	1,755.18
1823—Acworth,	1,846.20
1824—Londonderry (Derry),	2,637.44
1825—Lyme,	1,869.09
1826—Durham,	1,872.07
1827—Rindge,	3,263.65
1828—Salisbury,	1,951.83
1829—Newport,	2,416.71
1830—Portsmouth,	2,479.86
1831—Concord,	2,371.34
1832—Amherst,	5,820.75
1833—Keene,	5,067.66
1834—Meredith Bridge,	4,843.24
1835—Plymouth,	7,795.24
1836—Exeter,	4,942.02
1837—Claremont,	5,506.14
1838—New Ipswich,	5,396.81
1839—Lyme,	4,616.37
1840—Hampton,	4,596.83

1841—Francestown,	5,187.03
1842—Dover,	5,361.11
1843—Nashua,	5,730.36
1844—Concord (South),	7,582.66
1845—Portsmouth,	5,365.19
1846—Newport,	9,027.15
1847—Meredith Bridge (Laconia),	6,050.51
1848—Manchester, First Church,	7,720.75
1849—Plymouth,	7,010.12
1850—Great Falls,	7,368.54
1851—Acworth,	9,948.47
1852—Pittsfield,	7,896.50
1853—Littleton,	10,461.21
1854—Derry,	8,417.53
1855—Concord, First Church,	7,992.34
1856—Exeter First Church,	6,690.47
1857—Keene,	8,148.55
1858—Hampton,	6,732.26
1859—Boscawen,	8,076.99
1860—Claremont,	7,258.60
1861—Portsmouth,	8,148.68
1862—Concord, South Church,	7,182.49
1863—Haverhill,	8,606.57
1864—Manchester,	7,556.61
1865—Newport,	8,589.13
1866—Dover,	20,064.51
1867—Nashua,	12,068.17
1868—Concord, North Church,	11,810.04
1869—Keene,	22,932.54
Total amount raised in sixty-eight years,	$345,257.14

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be styled the NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to assist churches and congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send missionaries to destitute towns and places in New Hampshire, and also to coöperate with and aid the American Home Missionary Society in the work of home missions throughout the United States.

ART. 3. There shall be annually chosen, of the members of the society, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and nine Trustees, one third of whom to be chosen triennially, at least one third of whom shall be laymen, the seats of one third of whom to be vacated each year, and filled by a new election. All elections shall be made by ballot, and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be trustees *ex-officiis*.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the president, and, in his absence, the vice-president, and in the absence of the vice-president, the oldest man of the trustees present, to preside at all meetings of the society and the trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary to conduct the correspondence of the society and of the trustees; to keep a true record of the transactions of the society and of the trustees; to fill out commissions for missionaries and certificates of life members; to draw orders upon the treasurer for all moneys appropriated by the trustees, and to make an annual report to the society of the proceedings of the trustees, and of their executive committee.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and hold the property of the society; to lease and convey by deed any real estate belonging to the society, when directed by the trustees or their executive committee, and to exhibit annually an audited account of the state of the treasury, and also to exhibit his books at other times, when requested by any member of the society or contributor to its funds. He

shall give bonds to such an amount as the trustees or their committee may require.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold annual and semi-annual meetings, and also special meetings when called by the executive committee; to make appropriations of money; to appoint missionaries—sound, pious, able and discreet men; to adopt such measures as they may judge important to promote the financial and general interests of the society, and to make, through the secretary, an annual report of their doings to the society. Immediately after the annual meeting of the society they shall appoint an executive committee of their number, consisting of five, including the secretary. This committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings; to fill its own vacancies from the trustees, or vacancies in the board of officers which may occur between the annual meetings of the society; to appoint missionaries, make appropriations, and to transact all other business which may be necessary during the intervals of the annual and semi-annual meetings of the trustees.

ART. 8. The society shall meet annually, on Thursday, the third day of the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., or at such time and at such place as the society may have appointed at the preceding annual meeting. The society shall meet annually for business, at some day and hour previous to the time of public exercises, appointed and duly notified by the executive committee.

ART. 9. Any person may become a member of the society by paying two dollars as an annual subscriber, or a life member by paying thirty dollars; and every member, except life members, shall pay two dollars annually, until he or she shall signify, in writing, a desire to withdraw. All ministers, whose churches contribute annually to the funds of the society, shall be members for the time being. No member who shall neglect to pay his annual subscription shall be authorized to vote in the meetings of the society. All life male members shall have the right to vote in the meetings of the society.

ART. 10. Every minister of the gospel, statedly laboring in this State, and in regular standing with the Congregational or Presbyterian churches, shall be considered as an agent of this society, to invite the attention of his hearers, at least once a year, to its objects, and to receive donations, subscriptions, and contributions to its funds, and transmit them to its treasurer, or its authorized agents.

Art. 11. All questions before the society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, excepting amendments of the constitution, which shall require the concurrence of two thirds of the members present, beside having been proposed a year beforehand for consideration, or recommended by the trustees.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

As Revised by the Trustees, August 23, 1843.

Every feeble church, soliciting aid of the New Hampshire Missionary Society, should make application to the trustees by a committee (not by a minister) duly authorized. The application should be made as near as possible to the time when the contract for ministerial labor commences; should be certified by two or three neighboring ministers, and should answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the minister you wish to employ, and when does your contract with him commence?
2. What is the amount of ratable property held by the church, and what held by others, not members of the church, who contribute to the support of the ministry?*
3. What is the income of the ministerial fund, if any, and is the parsonage, if any, included in the sum you raise for your minister's support?
4. What is the amount supposed necessary for the support of your minister?
5. What sum have you raised for the support of your minister? What part of it has been raised by the church? How have you raised it?
6. What is the least amount of aid needed?
7. Do the members of the church generally favor the cause of temperance?
8. Are you, as a church, or religious society, in debt? If so, for what purpose, and to what amount?
9. Do you receive aid from any other source, and if so, to what amount?

The trustees will not be expected to continue aid to any feeble church or religious society that does not promptly dis-

*The answer to this question should include Bank, Railroad, United States and all other stocks, so far as can be ascertained.

charge all its pecuniary liabilities for the support of the ministry. No church or minister can enjoy the patronage of this society that is not essentially sound in the doctrines and ordinances of the gospel, as held and practiced by the Orthodox Congregational and Presbyterian churches of New England, or does not practically favor the cause of temperance. No appropriation will be made retrospectively to feeble churches, to defray the expenses of ministers not in commission, nor for the support of ministers who do not devote their whole time to the work of the ministry, for the benefit of the people to whom they minister. No missionary can receive his order on the treasurer until he makes a return of service for the full time of labor specified in his commission. Every missionary who shall neglect to make his annual statistical report by the first of July, without satisfactory reasons, shall forfeit his appropriation.

Every feeble church must renew its application for aid according to the above rules, so long as aid shall be needed.

It is very desirable that all churches receiving aid should so arrange their ministerial contracts that the year may commence with the year of the Missionary Society, which is the 15th day of August, so that all applications for renewals of grants may be made at that time, as the trustees can then act on all such applications at their annual meeting, which occurs the last week in August.

Every renewed application for aid must report every particular above required, and not make any such references as, "the same as last year," &c. The failure to state all required particulars occasions great inconvenience, and often expense and delay.

No church shall receive aid that does not pay at least one and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of their ratable property, that is, $12.50 on $1000. The trustees, however, will exercise discretionary power to vary from this, where circumstances shall seem to demand it. As the salaries of our missionaries are inadequate to their support, the trustees will coöperate with those churches in increasing their ministers' salaries, which will increase their own subscription for his support to 1¼ per cent. on their ratable property.

As the Missionary Society is a party concerned, no church under its patronage shall dismiss its pastor without the knowledge and consent of the trustees or the executive committee.

The trustees, at their annual meeting in Manchester, in 1864, raised the percentage rule from one per cent to one

and one quarter per cent. on the dollar of ratable property. They also added, as a standing rule to the above, not to appropriate aid separately to churches so situated that they might conveniently unite in the support of one minister.

RULES FOR MISSIONARY RETURNS.

Missionaries to transmit their statistical returns to the secretary annually, by the first of July. Those who report quarterly shall be entitled to quarterly drafts on the treasurer. Semi-annual reports shall have semi-annual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of July shall thereby forfeit the patronage of the society, unless sufficient excuse can be rendered.

In the annual report, definite answers to the following questions are required, namely:

1. What the number of ratable polls; also families in your society?
2. What is the amount of your society's valuation in the town assessor's books?
3. What proportion of it belongs to church members?
4. What aid from persons in your congregation not connected with your society?
5. What productive funds has your society?
6. What your stipulated salary?
7. How raised—by tax or subscription?
8. Is it promptly paid?
9. What the average number of your congregation?
10. What the population of your town?
11. What the number of hopeful conversions in your congregation?
12. What the number of your church members, male and female?
13. What additions during the year ending July 1, by profession? by letter?
14. What the number of baptisms, infant and adult?
15. What the number of removals during the year, by death, dismission, or exclusion?
16. What the number in your Sabbath school?
17. What progress made in the temperance cause?
18. What the amount of contributions to the New Hampshire Missionary Society?

19. What the amount to all other religious charities?

20. What special encouragement or discouragement in your labors?

[*In replying to these inquiries, you need refer only to their numerical designation, without transcribing them.*]

NOTICES.

All communications intended for the trustees, and any correspondence relating to the general interests of the society, may be addressed to Rev. William Clark, Amherst, N. H.

All remittances of money, and whatever communications relate to the pecuniary concerns of the society, may be made to Rev. B. P. Stone, D. D., Concord, N. H.

The Home Missionary, published monthly by the American Home Mission Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, is sent gratuitously to life members, missionaries, and auxiliary associations of either society; to all pastors whose congregation contributes any sum annually to either treasury; to all persons who serve as collectors, and to each donor of $10 annually, who signifies a wish to receive it. Application may be made to the treasurer, who is agent for the distribution of the *Home Missionary* for New Hampshire.

All applications for aid, and returns of missionaries, to be made to the secretary.

Orders on the treasury to be drawn by the secretary.

The semi-annual meeting of the trustees is to be at Concord, the Tuesday before the first Wednesday in June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I give to the New Hampshire Missionary Society the sum of dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

Important legacies have been lost to the Society through inattention to its legal name.

PERSONS CONSTITUTED LIFE MEMBERS WITHIN THE YEAR.

Aiken, Dr. Edward, Amherst.
Aiken, Mrs. Sarah C., Amherst.
Bailey, Mrs. Hannah L., Haverhill.
Blood, Parker, (A. H. M. S.,) Groton.
Bradford, Mrs. Robert, Francestown.
Burnham, Mrs. John C., Dover.
Blanchard, Mrs. Lydia, Francestown.
Clark, Mrs. Laura W., (A. H. M. S.,) Henniker.
Clough, Dea. Henry, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Chandler, Dea. Peter K., (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Carter, Hiram J., (A. H. M. S.,) Concord.
Cromby, Mrs. Sarah, Derry.
Cogswell, Ebenezer, (A. H. M. S.,) Derry.
Conant, Miss Martha E., (A. H. M. S.,) Mont Vernon.
Cook, Dea. Jason, Campton.
Chapman, Dea. S., North Hampton.
Cogswell, Joseph, East Andover.
Dumas, Frank E., (A. H. M. S.,) Lyme.
Dickey, Mrs. T. M., Acworth.
Davis, Mrs. Sarah, Newport.
Durgin, Mrs. Charles, East Andover.
Edwards, Rev. J. M., West Lebanon.
Emmons, Mrs. H. V., Lancaster.
French, Leonard, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Farmer, David, (A. H. M. S.,) Manchester.
Firth, Richard, Northfield.
Foss, Jason, Tilton.
Freeman, Mrs. George E., Milford.
Fisk, Rev. A. W., (A. H. M. S.,) Fisherville.
Gage, Calvin, (A. H. M. S.,) Fisherville.
Gage, Daniel T., (A. H. M. S.,) Hudson.
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Gage, Mrs. Mary E., (A. H. M. S.,) Hudson.
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